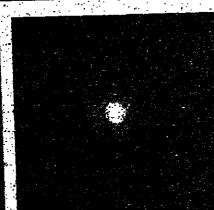
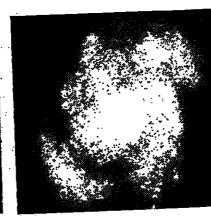
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Back in business, from left to right: Hubble's blurred view of a single star; the same star after the repairs; the M100 galaxy before the fixes, and the same galaxy afterward.

Repaired Hubble Opens a New Window on Universe

GREENBELT, Maryland — Radiating the joy of hard-won triumph after three and a half years of embarrassing gloom, space officials and scientists proclaimed the repairs on the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope a complete success Thursday and released striking befere-

should now begin to live up to its original

stellar gas clouds appeared on the screen with exceptional clarity, Duccio Macchetto, an astronomer with the European Space Agency, exclaimed, "All I can say is: Wow!"

Although the scientific dividends are yet to come, and difficult to predict in any detail, Space Administration sought to translate the achievement into a restoration of public and political confidence in the agency, which has been rocked by numerous spacecraft and rocket failures in recent years.

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Democrat of

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Optimism in Germany May Prove Unfounded

Economy Likely to Remain Sluggish

By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT - The German economy faces an untill battle even to begin to shake off its recession this year after 18 months of de-

Many German leaders, and some of the populace, are expressing optimism now, saying they expect 1994 to end better than it started. But this is the brave face put forth by a nation that is expected to post an economic growth rate near zero as it rights to defend its fading image as Europe's most dynamic industrial

People will unquestionably have to tone down their expectations," Richard Reid of the Swiss financial advisers UBS Phillips & Drew said in Frankfurt. The average German will probably continue to feel the pinch until 1996

or 1997, he added. In Eastern General, workers may find more jobs at higher pay as their region continues to pull out of its slump. But West Germans will have to learn to live with a new ansterny for years, getting less sick leave, shorter vacations and less money while watching unemployment,

crime and taxes rise, economists say. The latest economic statistics from the government paint a blurry, good-news, bad-news. portrait of an economy that the government

insists is poised to take off. But unemployment, the issue that will matter most in this year's 19 regional elections, begins the year at a record high and is most likely to continue climbing for at least 12 more months, even as welfare benefits add to government

deficits and voters' purchasing power declines. West German unemployment rose to 8.1 percent in December, from 7.8 percent in November, while East German unemployment rose to 15.4 percent, from 15.1 percent. Nearly a million Germans have been jobless for more than a year, half of them for more than two years, particularly in Eastern Germany.

Over all, the German economy is expected to expand by only 0.5 percent in 1994. In 1993, it shrank 1.3 percent, the Federal Statistics Office reported Monday. The West German economy alone shrank by 1.9 percent in real, or inflationadjusted, terms after having grown 1.6 percent

The best news in 1994, many people say, will be a decline in inflation that will give the Bundeshank an excuse to cut interest rates substantially, helping to stimulate consumer demand in Germany and in neighboring countries. Consumer prices are forecast to rise just 3 percent in 1994, after increases in 1993 of 4

percent in Western Germany and 9 percent in

The outlook is also promising for exports, thich have shown surprising resilience despite which have shown surprising resi the Deutsche mark's strength against the currencies of competing nations.

Despite the warnings of analysts, polls verify that Germans are starting the new year in a relatively optimistic frame of mind.

In the latest poll by the Allensbach Institute for Public Opinion Research, which has historical cally been a more accurate indicator of business

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sames than professional forecasts, 2,000 Germans were asked in December whether they were "more sanguine or anxious" about the year ahead; 41 percent said they were more agnine, compared with 28 percent who were

more anxious. But among those in Western Germany asked whether they thought the economy would improve or worsen in the next six months, only 15 percent were hopeful, while 50 percent were

This note of skepticism comes as no surprise. considering some of these recent forecasts from

prominent economists:

• Peter-Rüdiger Puf, chief economist at Daimler-Benz AG, the biggest German industrial group, forecast that unemployment in the nation would use from 4.4 million in 1993 to 6.5 million in 1994, a level not seen since the

Weimar Republic. • Horst Siebert, president of the Kiel Institute on the World Economy, said an economic recovery would barely improve the German labor market, calculating that it would take 4 percent economic growth to get 1 percent em-

 Rüdiger Pohl, a member of Germany's Council of Economic Advisers, predicted un-employment would continue to plague Germaloyment growth. ny for five more years.

• Rüdiger Dornbusch, who teaches econom-

ics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung that Germany was "just at the beginning of its

Germany is slowly reasserting control over See GERMANY, Page 5

in May 1993 for trying to pass human rights information to a group of European diplomats who were visiting Tibet.

The releases of the two men appeared to

be timed to respond to U.S. warnings that

unless Clima made progress soon on human rights issues, it would lose its most-favored

nation trading status.

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Mr. Clinton being escorted by Mr. Yeltsin on Thursday as they walked in the Kremlin.

Yeltsin Turns Down U.S. Prescription

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin assured President Bill Clinton on Thursday that he intended to continue on the path of economic reform, despite the backlash it produced in recent elections, but the Russian leader would not commit himself to the tough strategy being advocated by the Americans and the interna-

During a four-hour meeting in the Kremlin, Mr. Clinton offered American advisers to help restructure the Russian budget in a way that the United States believes would curb inflation, end subsidies for state-run industries and create a more sustainable social security system.

This American economic prescription, also advocated by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, is deemed essential by the Clinton team if the Russian economy is ever to be transformed to a functioning free market. American officials said that while Mr. Yeltsin repeatedly stressed his commitment to "re-

Russia's president wins strong support from his American visitor. Page 5.

form" in general, he would not sign onto the specific American approach, which could be politically very difficult to sell to his newly

Without such a commitment, U.S. officials conceded that it is hard to know exactly where Mr. Yeltsin's economic reform programs are headed, and whether they will meet the conditions of the Group of Seven industrial democracies for speeding up economic assistance that has been promised but still not delivered. U.S. officials have said that without a sustained and credible reform plan from Mr. Yelisin they cannot be more forthcoming on aid.

Mr. Yeltsin's existing reforms and the hardships they have produced were a factor in parliamentary elections last month, in which conservatives and nationalists fared better than pro-reform parties.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said that Mr. Clinton "assured President Yeltsin of the strong support the West has for the reforms that are being made, and we do not want this momentum to slow."

President Clinton promised that as long as Russia keeps reforming, we'll work with the G-7, with the IMF and the World Bank to get that support as rapidly to them as possible," Mr. Bentsen added.

The basic American argument is that Russia has to get its inflation, now running at about 12 percent a month, under control. Otherwise there will be social turmoil and no new invest-

The only way to do that is by cutting subsidies to huge state-owned industries that produce products — from tanks to coal — that

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Free Market: Yes | Capital Flight | Shock Cure: No | From Russia Is Escalating

By Alan Friedman

The flight of capital from Russia has escalated in recent weeks to more than \$1 billion a month, Western commercial bankers, economists and business executives who do business with Moscow say. The trend is complicating economic reform efforts that are among the top sub-jects of discussion at the Clinton-Yeltsin

The Russian capital outflow is being compared by these sources to the financial hemorrhage that afflicted Latin American governments at the height of the early 1980s sovereign debt crisis. In Russia, the outflow is being aggravated by sellers of such Russian commodities as aluminum

and nickel. Western industry executives say many of the metal exporters are keeping as much as half of their hard currency income outside of Russia, with a steady flow of the money finding its way into bank accounts in Switzerland, the Channel Islands and

the United States.

The high level of both legitimate and smuggled Russian metal sales, which have grown sharply in the last three years, has also depressed world market prices. Trade officials from Russia, the United States and the European Union will discuss the problem of Russian aluminum exports at a special meeting in Brussels Tuesday. The minum issue is also on the Clinton-

Yeltsin meeting agenda.

Exact figures for capital flight are hard to come by, but Keith Savard, senior economist at the Washington-based Institute of International Finance, said that after a lull in outflows last summer, when Russia's reform policies seemed to be slowing inflation and stabilizing the ruble, the pace has picked up again. Mr. Savard estimated the total capital flight since 1990 at \$30

Harald Malmgren, a former U.S. trade official who works closely with Russian businesses, said the monthly outflow month. He said the capital flight was being driven by both political uncertainty and by fear that keeping dollars in Russian banks exposed depositors to extortion threats from criminal organizations that have penetrated several banks.

Mr. Malmgren and others interviewed said the capital flight had accelerated after the battle at the Russian parliament in October and the electoral success in December of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the

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Tale of 2 Houses: Yeltsin Ally Elected, Zhirinovsky Yells

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — The upper chamber of Russia's new parliament elected one of President Bons N. Yeltsin's close lieutenants as its chairman on Thursday, while the lower house rang again to Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky's antics.

The meetings of the two chambers, separated by several kilometers, were played out against the pomp and traffic jams of President Bill Clinton's official visit, which seemed to add yet another dimension to Moscow's Byzantine and interminable political maneuverings.

Whether holding formal talks with Mr. Yelt-

sin, strolling through the Kremlin or visiting the Russian Orthodox patriarch, Mr. Clinton paid ittle public heed to the new legislature, except to urge deputies who attended an American reception that "there was lots of room for

difference of opinion." In the upper chamber, the Federation Council, the 178 deputies who represent Russia's 88 constituent regions finally voted in Vladimir F. Shumeiko, a first deputy prime minister and close aide to Mr. Yeltsin.

Mr. Shumeiko fell a vote short of the required 86 in two rounds of voting on Wednesday, but handily cleared the barrier with 98 on Thursday, evidently after some late-night can-

vassing by Oleg Soskovets, a deputy prime minister.

Mr. Shumeiko — 48, the former manager of a state electronics company in Krasnoyarsk and a defector from the former Congress of People's Deputies, well-spoken and photogenic — is frequently mentioned as someone with presidential potential. Such speculation is certain to be enhanced by his election.

More immediately, Mr. Shumeiko's selection gives Mr. Yeltsin a potentially valuable buffer against the lower house, the Duma. The upper house has the authority to turn legislation back to the Duma, which must then muster a twothirds vote to enact the law unilaterally.

In his initial comments, Mr. Shumeiko spoke of the necessity at this stage of a strong president. For now, he said, presidential power was "the only opportunity to preserve a single Rus-

Such a buffer might well prove useful, if the Duma's first two sittings are any indication. The session on Thursday was marked by complex wrangling over procedures and over the election of a charman, and at the end anti-Yelisin forces had made concrete gains. As on the first day, the session was marked by a hysterical outburst from Mr. Zhirinovsky, the head of the Liberal Democratic Party, who

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2 Political Prisoners Freed in Tibet

BEIJING (WP) — In an unusual gesture, China has released two of the most prominent political prisoners in Tibet, two international human rights groups said Thurs-

day.
The International Campaign for Tibet and the Tibet Information Network said that Gendun Rinchen, 45, a tour guide, and that Gendun Rinchen, 45, a former. Buddhist Lobsang Youten, 64, a former Buddhist monk, were released separately earlier this

Italian Leader Resigns, Paving Way for Elections because of widespread political corruption.

Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi re-Since the scandal erupted almost two years ago, more than 3,000 politicians and busisigned on Thursday, opening the way for elections to replace the politicisms who ran nessmen have been implicated. (Page 2) Italy for four decades and fell into disgrace

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France's constitutional court annulled an education bill that had lifted spending restrictions for private schools

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U.S. Investors Burst Asian Stock Bubble Merrill Lynch's international strategist,

NEW YORK - American investors are pulling their money ont of the overheated stock markets of Southeast Asia, helping burst the bubble that they themselves created in a headlong drive to diversify abroad. As markets tumbled in Hong Kong, Malay-

sia, Thailand and Singapore on Thursday, investors, advisers, brokers, and analysts agreed that they had reached their highs for the time being and that Southeast Asia was being dealt out in this year's annual reshuffling of invest-ment portfolios, no matter how optimistic may be the long-term outlook for the area.

The Asia/Pacific component of the Interna-tional Herald Tribune World Stock Index turnbled 0.81 percent, to 116.47.

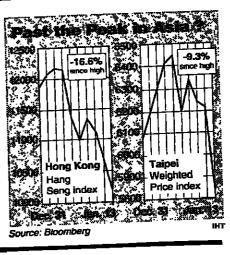
But specialists disagreed on where the money would move next — Japan, other emerging markets, Europe, or back to the United States. The most likely answer may be that Americans will continue to diversify their investments in all these places.

If there was any trigger to the flight aside from the obvious unsustainability of the Southeast Asian markets themselves, it was recommendations from major advisers. None counseled a wholesale repatriation to the United

Thomas R. Robinson, advised clients Wednesday to shift their emphasis to Latin America and Europe because of short-term volatility in Southeast Asia, and Asian fund managers to shift to Japan. This was short-term advice, Mr. Robinson said, because "we are long-term positive" in Southeast Asia.

Eric Kobren, who runs a newsletter tracking Fidelity Investments, the largest U.S. mutual fund house, advised readers to bail out of Southeast Asia about a month ago and either to come back home and bet on the domestic economy or to try profiting from declines in

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Rival's Bodyguard Is Suspected in Attack on Skater

Tonya Harding is among the suspects in the But law enforcement officials in Portland and attack on Harding's figure-skating rival. Nancy Detroit denied that Miss Harding was among Kerrigan, and arrest warrants have been issued, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Sheriff's deputies in Portland were expected to make arrests in the case later Thursday, officials said. Bart Whelan, a spokesman for the Multnomah County sheriff's office in Portland, said "two or more" people would be arrested.
Whelan said that Shawn Eric Eckardt, Miss Harding's bodyguard, was one of the suspects.

He said the district attorney would likely file charges of conspiracy to commit assault. Separate assault charges are likely to be filed in Detroit, where the attack occurred Jan. 6, but federal charges are not anticipated. Earlier, a Boston television station had re-

Miss Harding's former husband were among PORTLAND, Oregon — The bodyguard for five people for whom warrants had been issued. Detroit denied that Miss Harding was among

"To my knowledge, Tonya Harding has not been implicated," said Benny Napoleon, Detrait's deputy police chief.

and copied the stabbing of the tennis star

Monica Seles in April in Hamburg, officials said Thursday. "It's a typical copycat at-

'Copycat' Carried Out Soccer Stabbing

tack," the Stuttgart prosecutor said. "She wanted the limelight." The victim, Oliver Möller, a Hamburg SV defender, was apparently picked as a target at random. He was treated for wounds to a lung.

his diaphram and liver. (Page 17)

was not expected that she would be named.

Later, a spokesman for Mr. Napoleon, Ser- Portland that the report, from WCVB-TV Boston, was wrong.

Miss Harding won the U.S. Figure Skating
Championship in Detroit last week after Miss geant Christopher Buck, said, "We have nothing to implicate her." Mr. Buck said Miss Harding was not named in the warrants and that it Kerrigan was clubbed in the knee following a practice session, forcing her out of the competi-John Bradley, who is handling the investigation. The Boston television report was the first tion for the Multnomah County District Attortime Miss Harding had been linked to the ney's Office, told The Oregonian newspaper in alleged plot.

The report said warrants were also issued for Miss Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly, Mr. Eckardt, and Derek Smith of Phoenix, Arizona, and Shane Standt, a Portland man who the station said came to Boston a few weeks ago to stalk Miss Kerrigan before carrying out the attack in Detroit.

Details of the alleged plot began to unfold Wednesday with reports that Mr. Eckardt had See SKATER, Page 17

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The deaf and mute woman who stabbed a German soccer player in the back in Stuttgart did so because "she wanted to get publicity"

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Italy Leader Resigns, Paving Way For Vote

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - After eight months of overseeing one of the most turbulent cras of postwar Italian history, Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi resigned on Thursday. opening the way for early elections to purge the country's disgraced political clite.

Mr. Ciampi, 73, a former Central Bank governor, handed his resignation to President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro after a final, rowdy debate in the parliament - the last, formal bastion of a political order that Italians have repeatedly repudiated because of its corruption. His government was Italy's 52d since World War II.

The development marked a turning point in Italy's tortuous adnce toward political renewal and the installation of a new political class to replace the Christian Demnated inner circle that ran the land for four decades.

It is now possible for President Scalfaro to dissolve the legislature. Constitutionally, new elections may then be held after 70 days, offering Italians their first chance to change their rulers since Europe's biggest corruption scandal began decimating the political old

guard almost two years ago. Since then, more than 3,000 poliimplicated in a scandal involving bribes for government contracts and a system whereby, in essence, politicians looted the vast state sector of the economy to finance themselves and their parties.

The big question after Mr. Ciampi's resignation was when and how Mr. Scalfaro, himself a veteran Christian Democrat, would react to it. A presidential statement said he "reserved his decision" on his re-

Many Italian analysts had forecast that the Italian president, whose largely ceremonial role now assumes much greater importance, would quickly dissolve parliament, announce an election date and possibly name Mr. Ciampi as an interim prime minister to run the country until the vote.

But with Mr. Scalfaro himself facing accusations, which he has denied, of wrongdoing during an earlier spell as interior minister, and with his Christian Democratic colleagues desperate for time to regroup, it remained uncertain when he would act.

The corruption scandal has driven Italians in the hundreds of thousands away from the Christian Dermocrats and their allies since the last national vote in April 1992 gave them the narrow edge they still hold in parliament.

Since then, erstwhile political outsiders — the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, the insurgent Northern League and even the neofascist Italian Social Movement - have surged to the fore in local votes, leaving Italy with a parliament so far removed from popular sentiment that many Italians call it illegitimate.

New elections would, in all probability, result in a straight showdown between left and right, and as many as two-thirds of the 900-plus legislators could lose their parliamentary seats, and thus their imminity from prosecution.

The earliest an election could be held is March 20 but, for technical reasons, a delay of just a few days by President Scalfaro in announcing the ballot could put the vote back to April 10. Some Christian Democrats want it put off until June while the party tries to remold its image, change its name and fight for a comeback.

Reform-minded groups like the former Communists and the Northern League say they favor an carly vote.

cannot but take note of the profound division in parliament," Mr. Ciampi told legislators on Thursday, arguing that their differences raised "a question over the conditions indispensable for further productive work by partia-



Muslim refugees from Bosnia watching Thursday as food from Islamic aid groups was distributed at a shelter near Zagreb, Croatia.

Behind a Nameless Sarajevo Death, a Life

By Chuck Sudetic

New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The world came to know her only in death, in television images and newspaper pictures, face down in a pool of blood on a sidewalk, wearing a knee-length gray coat and black rubber boots.

She was Tuesday's representative image of the thousands of people who have fallen victim to the shelling of Sarajevo by Serbian nationalist forces dug in on the mountains around the city, unthreatened by any weapons the Bosnian Army has at its disposal.

The dead woman was Ljeposava Pajic, 66, a widow, a grandmother, a retired cafeteria worker, a Serb who chose to stay in her three-room apartment despite the 21-month siege of the Bosnian capital

On Wednesday, grieving relatives, friends and neighbors reflected on the absurdity of Mrs. Pajic's death and whether the Bosnian Army's efforts to break the Serbian hold on this city should go on, even against the odds and even when it is clear that with each attempt the

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service

government, wracked by internal dissen-

sion and searching for a fresh approach

after more than 14 years in power, the adoption several months ago of a back to

basics" strategy emphasizing family val-

But now even that strategy, initially

viewed as as a politically safe anodyne to

the squabbling within the party and the government's dismal standing in public

opinion polls, has blown up in Prime Min-

to society of a loss of moral values and the rising number of single mothers, Mr. Ma-

jor and other party leaders have been em-barrassed by disclosures over the past few

weeks about the sex lives of a number of

In the most publicized case, a mid-rank-

ing minister in the Environment Depart-

ment, Tim Yeo, who had been among

those preaching traditional family values,

was forced to resign after admitting that

he had fathered a child last year in an

their prominent fellow Tories.

Having warned in speeches of the perils

education seemed just the ticket.

ister John Major's face.

LONDON - To Britain's Conservative

Serbs will bombard civilian targets and kill

more people like her.
Mrs. Pajic died, United Nations officials said, from a "retaliatory" Serbian attack after. Bosnian Army mortars opened fire at about 10 A.M. Tuesday. The Serbian shelling killed 9 people, wounded 60 others and closed the city's airport to humanitarian-aid flights.
The shell that killed Mrs. Pajic ripped into

the sidewalk at about 11 A.M. while she was walking to a nearby Red Cross office with a message for her granddaughter, 18, on the Ser-bian side of the siege line, relatives said. The shrapnel tore away the front half of Mrs.

Pajic's head, killing her immediately. The message was still in her pocket.
"Thank God that you are all alive and well, and that we're all alive and well," she wrote, and that we're all anye and well, sale whole, asking her granddaughter to send boxes of powdered milk and a picture of her grandson's wedding in a package through the Serbian Orthodox Church's aid organization. "It would make grandma happier than anything else to

see you at least in a picture. On Wednesday, the dead woman's half-Ser-

minister, Lord Caithness, was found dead last week on the eve of her 19th wedding

amiversary, an apparent suicide. Lady Diana Caithness had been distraught, her

parents said in newspaper interviews, be-cause her husband had been having an

affair. Lord Caithness resigned his post as

minister for shipping following his wife's

Mr. Major's problems spread Thursday when an official investigation into the

management of the country's most promi-

nent local government, the Tory-con-trolled council in London's Westminster

district, concluded that officials had ma-

nipulated the sale of government-owned

housing in 1990 in an attempt bring more

Conservative Party voters into wards

where electoral strength hung in the bal-ance. The officials, who include one cur-

rent Conservative member of Parliament,

The investigation, said Jack Straw, a

high Labor Party official, "shows that the

Tory party is rotten and amoral to the

core." Mr. Straw added, "They have aban-

doned basic principles of public moral-

Barry Legg, denied any wrongdoing.

Major's New Ache: Report on Vote Manipulation

sipped coffee with friends and neighbors in her second-floor apartment and took calls from

"The stupid thing here is that it has come to an ethnic war," he said, explaining that of his dead aunt's two sons - both Serbs, both Bosnian Army soldiers - one is married to a Croat and the other to a Muslim, while her two

daughters are married to Serbs.

"Look at how we are mixed," he said. "I stayed here because I'm not a nationalist and 90

percent of my friends are Muslims." "Each side here should admit its mistakes and guilt and end this right now," Mr. Paiic said. "The world community could have stopped this if they had acted immediately. Now it is all over. It has become a matter of

"The shells don't ask, Who is a Serb? Who is a Croat? Who is a Muslim?" said Halil Prutina, one of Mr. Pajic's Muslim friends. "The Serbs with the gons aren't thinking with their own heads. All of the military activity in Saraje-

of criticism from the opposition parties, Mr. Major has sought to decouple his "back to basics" strategy, the centerpiece of his government's domestic policy, from

questions of personal morality, saying his

emphasis is on issues such as improving

One of his ministers, Alastair Burt, was

heckled and booed when he spoke Thurs-

day in London at a conference on family

values. The following speaker was Sara Keays, whose extramential affair with Cec-il Parkinson, a prominent Tory, led to a

child and his resignation from the govern-

political leaders on how we should live,

Miss Keays said, when they themselves "are living a lie."

In political terms, Mr. Major is clearly

heading into a critical period. Even within

his own party, he is increasingly under attack for failing to articulate where he wants to lead the party and the country.

His only major initiative apart from "back

to basics" has been a high-risk effort to

seek peace negotiations over Northern Ire-

land. So far that effort has yielded little

ress in the face of continued violence

"What is intolerable is to be lectured by

Serbs Seek To Cut Off Northern **Bosnia City**

New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — United Nations officials and Radio Serbia reported military advances Thursday on two key central Bosman battle fronts that could radically reshape the minuary: situation in this wartorn country. Radio Serbia asserted that Bos-man Serbian forces had, after 66 days of heavy shelling and frequent infantry attacks, breached Bosman Army lines near the lown of Olovo and threatened to can a road used to supply the northern city of Turia.

Tuzia.

Bosnian military officials, however, denied the radio report from Olovo, and United Nations offi-cials in Sarajevo could not confirm

UN officials, meanwhile, con-firmed that Muslim military forces in central Bosma had delivered a severe setback to the Croatian militia, practically cutting in half a Croatian-held pocket around the towns of Vitez and Busovaca.

"The Bosnian Army has suc-ceeded in reaching the Lasva Valley road," said Lientenant Colonel Bill Aikman, spokesman for the United Nations military force in Bosnia, referring to the Mushins' capture of the main supply route running between Vitez and Buso-vaca. "In some locations it had small units across the road."

Colonel Aikman said the Bosnians captured the road near the vil-lage of Santici after three days of fierce firefights. He said the battle line now intersected the road in two places with a Bosnian redoubt extending across it from the north.

Sarajevo radio said Thursday that Bosnian Army units on the highway had repulsed six counterattacks by the Croatian forces and asserted that the capture of the road portends the complete defeat of the Croatian militia in the area. Colonel Aikman described the Vitez-Busovaca pocket as an "hourglass" being pressed at the northern and southern sides of its narrowest part. The pocket was being defended by some of the most formidable forces in the Cros militia, including units responsible for a massacre of Muslims in the nearby village of Ahmici last April.

the economy — unemployment figures re-leased on Wednesday showed that jobless-

ness dipped to 9.8 percent in December, the first time it had been below 10 percent

in 18 months — the government's poll-ratings have plummeted to ominously low levels. The most recent poll, published Wednesday by The Guardian, showed 50

percent of respondents saving they would

vote for the opposition Labor Party in a

general election, with the Conservatives at 26 percent and the Liberal Democrats at

Advisers to Mr. Major had expresse

optimism late last year that 1994 would allow the prime minister to regain his authority within the party, which was deeply split last year over whether to back

his call to approve the Treaty on European

Union. Mr. Major won that fight, but only

barely. He does not have to call a general

But political analysts are again ques-

tioning whether Mr. Major would be able

to survive a poor showing by the party in elections this June for the European Par-

liament. They are pointing to Kenneth Clarke, the chancellor of the exchequer, as

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Expands Women's Combat Role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Les Aspin moved Thursday to help open up more ground-combat jobs for female sokfiers, saying expanding opportunities for women in the military "is right, and it's

Mr. Aspin announced that the "risk rule" that had prevented women from serving in many combat jobs would be lifted as of Oct. 1. The rule had barred women from noncombat units where the risk was as great as that in combat units. But since women now can serve in combat aircraft and on navy combat ships, Mr. Aspin said, "this rule has been overtaken.

by events."

Siving also issued a policy that redefines ground combat. Under the new definition, women will not serve in ground units that "engage the enemy tasthe ground with weapons," "are exposed to hostile fire," and "have a third probability of direct physical contact with the personnel of a hostile face."

U.S. Moves Toward Less Secrecy

WASHINGTON (WP) — The latest version of a new presidential codes on government secrety would require the thirst time that officials weigh the polint's interest in scalaritic thickmanion before it is ever teamped "classified," according to a small copy of the order. The new requirement is meaning the order of the order. The new requirement is meaning the order of the order. The new requirement is meaning the order of the order. The new requirement is meaning the order of the order of the order. The new requirement and manifestives included because to pay loose data that were immeasurable properties and the first place. American officials and independent appropriate the second of the order.

Fossil Hints Whales Once Walked

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Scientists have discovered unusually complete fossil remains of what could be an ancestor of modern whates that might have walked on land and hanted in the sea about

whales that might have warmout a man and the structure of the bones suggest the creamse, discovered in an ancient see bed in Patrickin, watched around on land like a present day sea hon, researchers and Thirtistay. But case in the water, the animal had the characteristics of a powerful and agile swimmer, like a sea other.

The fossil remains were discovered in 1992 by researchers at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicane. A report on their discovery is published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

Mexico Sees and Opening for Talks. SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — The government's peace envoy conferred a measure of legitimacy on an Indian guernilla movement Thursday by formally accepting it as a political and military force. This was a second step by the government toward meeting

rebel demands for talks. rebei demands for talks.

The cavoy, Manuel Camacho Solis, also said he had received messages "from various parts of the country" that might be an opening to negotiations. He did not elaborate, and it was not clear if he had heard directly from rebel leaders or from parties that sympathized with the

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari announced a unitateral cease-fire. on Wednesday in the southern state of Chiapas and said troops would fire on rebels and their strongholds only it innacted first. He also offered to pardon the gifterilias if they distribude. But there was no sign of the government meeting a rebel demand that the 14,000 soldiers in Chiapas be withdrawn.

Red Army Suspect Ruled a Suicide

SCHWERIN, Germany (Remers) — German prosecutors closed an investigation on Thursday into the death of a suspected leftist guerrilla during a police ambush in June, after concluding that he had committed

Interim reports from independent Swiss ferensic scientists and other institutes had indicated that the suspect. Wolfgang Grams, shot himself in the head as police were about to see him after a shoot-out in a train station in the town of Bad Kleinen.

The chief state prosecutor, Gerit Schwarz, said at a news conference that there were no grounds to think tight of Crans, who was believed to have been a member of the left of Red Ariny Election, had been killed by

TRAVEL UPDATE

Crossing the Channel With a Big Mac

LONDON (AP) - Steha Seating, which is competing with the Chanrestaurant would be serving fast food on one of its ferries, the Stena

Pantasia, by the end of the month.

"This is another tunnel beater, particularly for families," said Gareth This is another tunner occure, perturnally for tamines, said Garent. Cooper, Stema Scalink's managing director. They'll never be able to buy a Big Mac on a Chambel Tunnel train. The tunnel, which opens May 8 to passenger traffic, is pitching a quicker crossing of the English Channel, although people in Le Shoille train cars will have to stay around their cars during the 35-minute crossing.

USAir wants more business sending people to their final destination. Funeral directors who are booking flights for bodies and mourners can call a special line intended to make reservations easier. And for every 30corpses shipped on USAir, the funeral director gets a free round-trip ticket for domestic travel.

Criminal charges have been filed against six people accused of robbing foreign tomists at Manila's international airport in connivance with airport police, officials said Thursday.

by the Irish Republican Army. Faced with an almost gleeful onslaught extramarital affair. French Education Bill Is Annulled

PARIS - France's constitutional court annulled an education bill

on Thursday that had lifted restrictions on spending by local authorities on private schools. In its ruling, the independent

nine-member panel struck down the law, saying it failed to guaran-

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tee equality of treatment among private schools.

The new legislation had granted unlimited use of public funds to the Balladur said, "No reaction." country's private, mainly Roman Catholic, schools, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur had come under fire from both left and right after the education bill was rushed through the Senate last month in

the middle of the night.

The bill allowed municipalities to finance all investments of private schools, abrogating an 1850 law that strictly limited government aid to the private sector. But the court discounted other Socialist Party objections on procedure. The Socialists had claimed that the rights of parliament had been violated when the bill was

hurriedly adopted on Dec. 15.

The Socialist Party leader, Michel Rocard, called the ruling a "victory" while Prime Minister

The ruling came as teachers' unions and parents' associations as well as left-wing parties and organizations planned a widespread demonstration against the new legislation next Sunday.

ist president, waded into the controversy on Thursday, attacking Mr. Balladur for his "unfortunate initiative" and cheering the left on ahead of Sunday's demonstration. The education bill has led to the first serious clash between Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Balladur since

The delay was called "deeply re-François Mitterrand, the Social-

1991 to build the 16-kilometer (10-mile) road and rail bridge, and they began sharing power last March after the right won an overwhelming victory. (Reuters, AFP) in the year 2000.

Delay by Sweden Dismays Danes

STOCKHOLM - Sweden on Thursday again delayed its final decision on a proposed bridge between Scandinavia and continental Europe over the Oresund Strait, saying more environmental checks

grettable" by Denmark's prime minister, who added that the two countries had already agreed that the project must have no impact on the shallow waters of the sound. Denmark and Sweden agreed in

work was to have begun on Jan. 1. The project was due to be finished

percent.

election until 1997.

his most likely successor.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches OSLO — Foreign Minister Jo-han Jorgen Holst of Norway, who helped bring about the peace agree-ment between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel last year, has died after a stroke. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Holst had been hospitalized in November for exhaustion, after withdrawal has been delityed by hertic months of travel and work disputes over the control of borders during the negotiations, which were held secretly in Norway. He was hospitalized again Dec. 16 af-ter suffering a stroke that affected his ability to walk and talk. Norwegian national radio reported Wednesday that Mr. Holst had suffered a second stroke during the

He had been foreign minister less than 10 months.

Johan Holst, Norwegian Aide, Dies Mr. Holst, a former defense min- ed to the future that this historic

his role in shepherding Israeli and peace agreement. The two sides signed the accord for limited self-rule in the West

Bank and Gaza Strip in Washing-ton on Sept. 13, although an Israeli and the security of settlers.

Mr. Holst was nominated by a German politician this week for the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

"Norway has lost a foreign minister who not only was highly respected in our homeland but who also had a strong international po-sition and reputation," Prime Min-

ister, won international acclaim for agreement resulted in." Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Palestinian negotiations toward the of Israel expressed "deep shock at the untimely and unexpected

death.
"I believe that the Oslo agreement would not have been made without the great contribution of Johan Holst," he said in Jerusalem. Norwegians were surprised when Mr. Holst was named foreign uniister in April 1993. He was not known for his political savvy, and many doubted his talents would re up to those of Thoryald Stoltenberg, his predecessor. Mr. Holst and a tightly knit no

gotisting team, including his secister Gro Harlem Brundtland said the secret Israeli-Palestinian nego-His name will always be connect- tiations. (AP. Resters)

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WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's presidential campaign advis-

ers prided themselves on rapid re-

sponse and aggressive counter-

attacks. As a Clinton political

strategist, James Carville, puts it,

when someone attacks the presi-

dent, "I view it as my role not just to defend but to counterattack."

But when it came to allegations

about Mr. Clinton's investments in

Whitewater Development Corp.,

Before Mr. Clinton and his wife,

Hillary Rodham Clinton, finally agreed to what had become an in-evitable independent investigation

of the affair, the president's advis-

NEWS ANALYSIS

The president's team only dug the

In part, that was because those

advisers do not know all the facts surrounding the Clintons' partner-ship in the Whitewater firm or its

links to Madison Guaranty Savings

& Loan, the Arkansas thrift whose

failure cost the taxpayers an esti-

mated \$47 million to \$60 million.

Clinton advisers who marched

boldly onto television talk shows to

defend the president and attack

Republicans for staging what they

called a partisan attack on Mr.

Clinton came up short when

pressed for specific answers to the

many tangled questions about the

This is not the first time that has

happened. Two years ago, when Mr. Clinton was confronted with

questions about his draft record.

his response was that he had done

nothing wrong. His advisers mounted a fierce counterattack.

but without knowing the full story, which took months to come out.

This time, both Clintons have

used the same defense, and that

was enough to put advisers into

campaign mode, as they like to call

it, and rush to the barricades. But

their defense this week crumbled in

the face of defections among Dem-

ocratic senators, who saw this not

as a campaign issue to be dealt

with, but as a legal matter that could affect confidence in the pres-

One by one, beginning with Sen-ator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of

New York, they joined the call for a

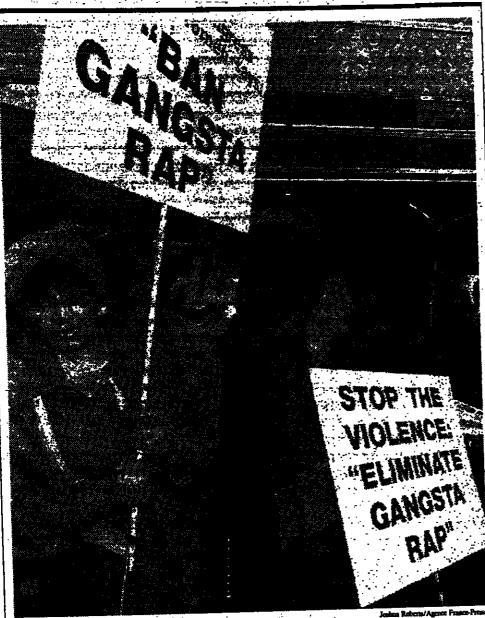
special counsel, wiping away White

House arguments that the whole

the strategy backfired.

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RIPPING RAP - C. DeLores Tucker, left, of the National Political Congress of Black Women, and Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, leading a protest against so-called Gangsta Rap music outside of a record store in Washington. Many advocacy groups say that the popular musical form glorifies violent and abusive behavior toward women.

FBI Gathers Whitewater Backfired on White House

Records on **Land Deals** In Ozarks

By Michael J. Goodman and Douglas Frantz

Los Angeles Times, Service YELLVILLE, Arkansas — FBI agents are sweeping up land re-cords that could provide authorities with the first complete financial portrait of a real estate partnership between President Bill Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton and the owner of a failed savings and loan.

County officials here said that FBI agents had taken copies of ers mounted an aggressive counterdeeds and other records of a project attack that only served to under-of the Whitewater Development mine the administration's position. Corp., the partnership at the center of the controversy.

By reconstructing the sale of 44 parcels of land in Whitewater's 200-acre (80-hectare) development here, the FBI could get the first complete picture of how much money flowed into and out of a deal that the Clintons say cost them deal that the Clintons say cost them nearly \$69,000 in losses.

The records will also augment a report on Whitewater prepared for the Clinton campaign to rebut questions about the project that were first raised during the 1992 presidential race. Some experts contend that the report does not represent a clear financial picture of the venture's profitability.

financial dealings in Arkansas real estate and the Clintons' tax returns. Mr. Clinton said this week that the matter had been thoroughly investigated. But only in recent weeks has the FBI collected hundreds of documents from county offices in Arkansas and begun to compile the project's financial history.

Officials in the Marion County clerk's and assessor's offices said FBI agents had visited them several times recently, examining and copying documents.

They come in, flash their badges and start going through re-cords," said Mary Jo Layton, the clerk of this rural county in the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas. "They are pulling all the deeds for Whitewater."

The project was intended to create a resort community on the banks of the White River when it was started in 1978 by the Clintons and James B. McDougal, a Clinton political confident who later acquired Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan. Another partner was Mr. McDougal's wife, Susan.

Cheating Inquiry

Questions Awaiting Clear Answers

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Nothing that is known publicly about the failed real estate venture of President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, amounts to direct evidence that they or anyone else in the administration have done anything improper. But the Clintons' reluctance to make all their records public has allowed critics to charge that they must have something to hide.

Here are some of the questions that cannot be laid to rest until the facts become public: • Favors: The Clintons received several political and financial favors from James B. McDougal, one

of their business partners in the Whitewater Development Corp. The central unanswered question is whether Mr. Clinton, as governor of Arkansas, used his influ-

ence to return the favors. Critics suggest, for example, that Mr. McDou-gal's Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, which was regulated by the state of Arkansas but covered by federal deposit insurance, was allowed by state regulators to stay affoat for a long time when its eventual failure was not in doubt. The longer Mr. McDougal was allowed to stay in business with Madison Guaranty, the more its failure was bound to cost the federal government.

When the savings and loan eventually went under, the government had to pay about \$60 mil-

ion to reimburse depositors.

• Documents: Some of Whitewater's business records seem to be missing. Mr. McDougal has said that, at Mrs. Clinton's request, he sent all the records he had to the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock in 1987. The Clintons said last year that they

Recalling that destruction of documents was a pivotal issue in the Watergate and Iran-contra inquiries, critics have suggested, without substantiation, that perhaps incriminating Whitewater documents were destroyed.

• Taxes: The Clintons assert, without providing documentation, that they lost \$69,000 on the Whitewater investment. They did not claim the loss on their personal income tax returns because Whitewater was structured in such a way that only the company could take the loss.

The Clintons have acknowledged that in 1984 and 1985 they improperly took personal tax deductions for interest payments of \$2,811 and \$2,322. when the payments were actually made by the

Some critics say they believe that other tax roblems might arise from the Clintons' personal financial records. For example, if more of the money they received from Mr. McDougal, like loan reimbursements, was construed as income, the Clintons might owe more taxes, and the statute of limitations might not apply.

• Foster: Vincent W. Foster Jr. was a law partner of Mrs. Clinton's who was brought to Washington to be deputy White House counsel and to handle the Clintons personal financial matters, such as their tax returns and their personal financial-disclosure statements.

On the day last July when Mr. Foster committed suicide, a file on Whitewater was removed from his office before federal investigators could see it. Despite repeated questions, the White House did not acknowledge the existence of such a file until

cans to use diversionary issues to health care. attack a president whose popularity was again on the rise.

had no such records.

Now the president has asked Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent counsel to look into the matter. Ms. Reno, in accepting the task late Wednesday, said she would choose someone "ruggedly independent" for the

Mr. Clinton's advisers argue that in six months no one will remember the reversal on a special counsel or the delay in doing so. They also say that were it not for the recent death of Mr. Clinton's mother and his trip to Europe, the turnaround

would have come sooner. Perhaps that is the case. But this is a White House enamored by the techniques that helped them win the presidency. The celebrated campaign "war room" of Arkansas, now the focus of a commercial campaign documentary, has been recreated regularly in the White

thing was a nasty ploy by Republi- Trade Agreement and now for

It is a technique that increasingly is being called into question by some Clinton advisers and supporters who say it has outlived its usefulness, that it fails to distinguish between campaigning and governing, Some Clinton advisers say one flows from the other.

But in this case the difference between real financial and legal questions and partisan politics though both are involved in the Whitewater matter - was more clear to the president's Democratic allies in Congress than to the White

That is why in the Whitewater case, the old methods did not serve the president well. Even some of Mr. Clinton's most vigorous spinners admit it Paul Begala, Mr. Carville's part-

ner and one of those who led the attacks against Republicans on television this past week, said. "If House, first for the budget light, you want to write that we probably then for the North American Free hurt, I won't call and complain."



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NEW YORK - Federal and state prosecutors have dropped their two month investigations into charges that the campaign of Gosemor-elect Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, a Republican, paid black clergy and Democratic workers to suppress the vote in November for her Democratic

A report distributed by the U.S. attorney in Newark, New Jersey, Michael Chertoff, said investigators could find no evidence to support allegations by Edward J. Rollins, Mrs. Whi more comparing the property of the comparing distributed \$500,000 to keep turnout low in areas primarily home to minority and Democratic wel-

Mr. Rollins made the explosive comments to reporters in Washington one week after Mrs. Whitman's close victory over the incumbent. Jim Florio. Mr. Rollins said the campaign gave money to black ministers so that they would refrain from cocouraging congregations to vote, and paid Democratic workers to stay home rather than take part in get-out-the-vote activities.

Wilder Renounces Run for Senate

WASHINGTON — In a sunning close to his State of the Commonwealth address, and perhaps to his political career, Governor L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia has announced that he will not run for the U.S. Senate.

The announcement Wednesday by the governor

• The \$5 million Earthwinds ballon took off from

Stead, Nevada, for what its crew had hoped would

be the first manned balloon flight around the world. But seven hours later it was on the ground again; forced down by an enexplained mechanical

problem. The three carewmen escaped injury, and a

spokesman said the balloon had not been dam-

• A lawyer for Michael Jackson said he expected a

grand jury to begin hearing testimony soon in a sexual molestation investigation and that he would

Away From Politics

that he would not challenge the incumbent, Senator Charles S. Robb, for the Democratic nomina-tion, greatly changes the political calculus in what had been expected to be one of the nastiest Senate contests in the country this year.

"At this stage in my life, I feel the need to take

another direction and to seek challenges in other areas," said Mr. Wilder, who had announced in July that he would challenge Mr. Robb, his longtime political rival.

Republicans Lose Some Ammo

about 1.2 percent — will face a higher income tax bill on April 15 because of the Clinton administration's economic program, according to the Congressional Budget Office in a study likely to damage Republican plans to use the tax issue in the 1994 elections.

In addition, those paying higher income taxes are people in the upper reaches of the income distribution. Voters at this level of income tend to be Republican and do not need additional motivation to vote for Republicans.

Quote/Unquote

Attorney General Janet Reno, announcing she would name an independent counsel to investigate President Clinton's business deals when he was governor of Arkansas: "We must do everything we can to ensure public confidence in the investigation and to separate fact from speculation as rapidly as possible." (Renters)

• The Sacramento Union newspaper, which called

itself "The Oldest Daily In The West," will cease

publication with Friday editions, putting about 85 people out of work. The Sacramento, California,

paper was published daily from 1851 through October, when it cut back to three days a week in

The U.S. chief justice, William H. Relanquist, moved at the last minute to temporarily bar Shannon Faulkner from becoming the first woman to attend The Citadel, an all-male military academy

Implicates 125 at Naval Academy New York Times Service

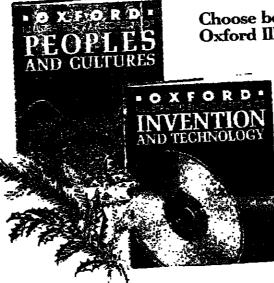
WASHINGTON - A sweeping investigation into one of the largest cheating scandals at the U.S. Naval Academy will implicate about 125 midshipmen, or about 15 percent of this year's graduating class, ac-

cording to navy officials. The inquiry, by the naval inspector general, Vice Admiral David M. Bennett, compiled files on students who have been identified as having advance knowledge about an engineering exam given in December 1992. The students are in the class that will graduate from the academy in Annapolis, Maryland, this

Some students merely received a computer message urging them to study a particular question on a previous year's test. They may be cleared or receive only reprimands. But in the most serious cases, in-volving the theft of a full copy of the test, midshipmen could face expulsion and even criminal charges.

Admiral Bennett's report, which will go to the secretary of the navy. John H. Dalton, as early as Friday, will also criticize the academy earlier investigation into the scandal, which implicated 28 midship-

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U.S. Maps a Give-and-Take Strategy With China

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Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON --- Concluding that China is far from satisfying United States demands for progress on human rights and nonproliferation issues, the Clinton administration has scheduled several sets of parallel negotiations in an attempt to prevent those problems from disrupting economic rela-

The administration is trying to balance its displeasure with China on human rights, trade and the sale of missiles with its desire to encourage U.S. participation in the fastgrowing Chinese economy.

The administration's dilemma is that there are many economic and international security reasons not to antagonize China by hitting it with trade restrictions over the human-rights issue, but President Bill Clinton has ordered that human rights be the deciding factor.

A State Department spokes-woman, Christine Shelly, said this week that it was "very clear that

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Wu Jianmin, said. "It is also the Chinese people themselves who have the most right to evaluate how human rights are in China," he added.

Mr. Wu repeated China's long-standing opposi-tion to the linkage of trade issues and human rights, which Beijing regards as an interference in its internal affairs.

"Trade is, after all, trade," he said. "We are categorically opposed to the linking of trade to anything irrelevant to trade."

much more needs to be done in order to meet the criteria" on human rights that Mr. Clinton has established for a further extension of China's most-favored-nation trading status.

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An agreement announced last week to authorize the export to China of three U.S.-made satellites for launching on Chinese rockets is conditional upon a "successful" conclusion of Ms. Davis's negotiations on the missile-export issue, a senior administration official said, without defining successful.

The satellite deal, originally held up to protest China's export of bal-listic missile parts to Pakistan, was: tentatively approved at the same time the Commerce Department reduced the import quotas for Chinese textiles and clothes, accusing

China of evading existing quotas.

The talks with Mr. Christophe and Ms. Davis are to be followed by separate political negotiations lucted by the undersecretary of state for political affairs, Peter Tarnoff, the State Department said. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bent-

sen, meanwhile, is to visit Beijing next week. He plans to reconvene the Joint Economic Committee of American and Chinese government officials to discuss trade cooperation. The committee has not met since the Chinese crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in

Under the terms of an executive order issued by Mr. Clinton last May, Mr. Christopher cannot recommend renewal of China's mostfavored-nation status unless he can certify that China has made "significant progress" on human rights, political freedom and humane treatment of prisoners.

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Kohl Extols Merits Of Partnership Pact

BONN - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnership for Peace program will help East European countries integrate into the European Union as well as into the Atlantic alliance, Chancellor Heimut Kohl said Thursday. Former Communist states can

take part in shaping the Union's common security policy foreseen in the Maastricht Treaty on European Union by cooperating with the Western military bloc, he said

The eventual result of this twotrack cooperation will be the eastward expansion of the European Union, Mr. Kohl told parliament in a speech reporting on the NATO summit meeting this week in Bros-

"It is absolutely inconceivable to me that the German-Polish border will remain the eastern frontier of the European Union in the long run," he said. "The deepening and simultaneous expansion of the Eu-ropean Union are decisive for securing peace and freedom. In this sense, the issue of European unification is a question of war and peace in the next century."

Looking toward Russia, Mr. Kohl said setbacks on the path of reform were unavoidable and urged fellow Germans not to overmate nationalist thetoric from

Germany, worried about unrest on its borders, has long urged Western institutions to take in former Warsaw Pact states like Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Mr. Kohl linked the opening of NATO and the European Union after those four nations reluctantly accepted the Partnership for Peace scheme in place of the full membership they had sought.

The chancellor, who called the NATO summit meeting a "milestone on the way to a new-security order for Europe," recalled that the European Union had opened its doors for future East European, members at its Copenhagen sum"We cannot forget that this pros-pect of membership has a direct significance for security policy," he said. "It is a primary goal of the European Union to develop a common security and foreign policy. These countries will therefore have a chance to take part in this development even before they join."
Defense Minister Volker Rithe said Partnership for Peace was not a substitute for full NATO membership and argued the alliance to admit Poland and the Czech Republic soon.

He also suggested that the Euro-pean Union divert some development funds from Southern Europe to Eastern Europe, saying, "Either we export stability or we will imort instability."

Mr. Kohl said Russian fears of being isolated justified the decision to offer a more limited partnership, in which all Eastern nations, including Russia, could forge close military links with NATO.

Reflecting the widespread German concern over the state of the former Communist countries, the Social Democratic opposition broadly agreed with Mr. Kohl and welcomed the NATO step as an important contribution to Europe Some German officials have

urged Mr. Kohl to give Germany a stronger role in NATO, includi sions in the Balkens. But the lack of political consensus for German involvement in combat abroad has tied Mr. Kohl's hands on Bosma.

Mr. Kohl stressed that the Clinton administration, in contrast to its predecessors, supported plans for European integration in eco-rode a powerful protest vote to the tion program, pointed at his watch nomic, political and military mat-second-largest bloc of seats in the to show that Mr. Zhirinovsky had

The reservations expressed by some representatives of earlier administrations are gone," he said.
This meant that both NATO and the European Union were working towards "the same goal of integrating the new democracies of Eastern Europe into existing Western com-munities," he said. (Reuters, AP)

Neo-Nazi Attacks Fell, **But Not for Homeless**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispotches BERLIN -- The number of neo-Nazi attacks on foreigners declined by almost half in 1993, but the homeless and the handicapped bore the brant of more violence, according to preliminary figures Thursday from Germany's watch-

dog agency on extremism.

The federal Office for Protection of the Constitution counted eight deaths from extremist violence in 1993, compared with 17 in 1992, the worst year for such fatalities since the federal republic was founded after World War II.

The agency said it registered 1,814 violent attacks in 1993, down from 2.584 in 1992, according to preliminary figures.

The wave of violence was unleashed after the reunification in 1990 of East and West Germany. Though analysts often looked for the sources of the extremism among newly rootless young peo-ple in the former Communist East, West German states were among the highest in terms of the number

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of attacks per capital The federal agency said the number of extreme rightist attacks on foreigners dropped to 1,322 in 1993, from 2,283 in 1992. It said the number of attacks on Jews also went down in 1993, from the 1992

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costs, one of its most serious com-

petitive handicaps. In Western

Germany, hourly wages have risen 24.7 percent since 1990, far outpac-

ing an 8.5 percent increase in pro-

"Companies see the power

ductivity. Now, however, fear of job losses has limited wage expec-

they've got now on the wage round." Mr. Reid of UBS said. Af-

ter inflation, German workers are

unlikely to see any real pay gains this year, he said, noting that disposable incomes fell during the re-

Kermit Schoenholtz, a senior

economist at Salomon Brothers in-

ternational in London, meanwhile,

described weak economic growth

as the least of several evils facing

Germany and other European

The moves that the government

cession of the mid-1980s.

total of 63 to 46 last year. But attacks on the homeless and handicapped more than doubled, from 145 in 1992 to 324 in 1993.

These groups tend to be isolated and defenseless, while policemen have progressively tightened protection of foreigners to forestall attacks on big targets like refugee

The police are still looking for clues in an attack on Monday in which three skinheads allegedly cut a swastika in the check of a wheelchair-bound 17-year-old girl in the Eastern city of Halle. The police said Thursday that

they had no good clues to the attackers despite many calls from the

in Haile on Thursday, 15,000 people crowded the central market square to express their outrage over

the attack on the girl. In Bonn, Bild newspaper reported that the government was prepar-ing tougher penalties for neo-Nazi hooligans, including a 10-year maximum sentence for mutilation or disfigurement.

"Brutal skinhead thugs will soon face draconian penalties," Chancellery Minister Friedrich Böhl was quoted as saying. The girl was assaulted after she

emerged on a busy street from a public toilet for the handicapped. One speaker drew the loudest applause from the crowd in Halle on Thursday when she said: The most hornble thing is that no one came to help her, no one heard her cries. That's complete nonsense." (AP, Reuters) respond to Mr. Adams' comments.

GERMANY: New Year's Optimism Will Be Tested



Mr. Clinton with a Russian Orthodox priest during a visit Thursday to a restored cathedral.

exceeded his time.

prison in Moscow.

alike

RUSSIA: Upper House Elects Yeltsin Ally as Speaker

would have made an exemplary

speaker, "an example not only for

the country, but for the whole

He added, "I went to Europe and

Mr. Zhirinovsky was expelled

from Bulgaria, barred from Ger-many and Austria and denounced

by several other governments after

parliament

The outburst accompanied Mr. Zhirinovsky's announcement that he was withdrawing his candidacy for chairman. An earlier speaker, Viktor Mironov, had facetiously suggested that all candidates should undergo psychiatric tests, an obvious barb at Mr. Zhirin-

Evidently provoked by this and by the expressions of his detractors, Mr. Zhirmovsky began railing. "In two years, through our spe-cial services, we'll know who was ill and with what," he declared, intimating that he intended to be elect-

ed president by then. "Shut up!" he bellowed as a roar went up from the deputies. "Every-one out of the hall! Every candidate for speaker must go to a psy-

mier target of the conservatives as prime minister and head of the by not registering.

On the floor, Anatoli B. Chubais.

Ulster Peace Plan

LONDON - The leader of Sinn

Fein, the Irish Republican Army's

political arm, accused Prime Minis-

ter John Major on Thursday of

bringing on an "intolerable stale-

The Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Ad-

ams, in a BBC-TV interview, re-

peated his party's call for clarifica-tion on the declaration issued

jointly by Mr. Major and the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds, in

The declaration called on the

IRA to end its military campaign

against British rule. In ceturn, it

offered Sinn Fein a place in talks. But it said Northern Ireland would

remain part of the United King-

dom as long as a majority wished.

London on Dec. 15.

mate" over Northern Ireland.

Stalled by U.K.,

Sinn Fein Says

a deputy prime minister and a pre- Chubais in his positions as deputy

that visit in December. In a separate action, Mr. Yeltsin issued a decree confirming Mr.

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neither the Russian public nor the

outside world cares to buy. These

industries, though, also provide their workers with health benefits,

The Russian government is re-

outcry from those who would not

social benefits that go with them.

gued to the Russians that using

subsidies for industry to provide

social welfare is highly inefficient,

since about 10 percent of every ruble goes to social programs and

the other 90 percent goes into sub-sidizing unprofitable businesses.

they argue, is cut the subsidies and

What Russia should do instead,

only lose their jobs, but also the lems.

luctant to stop subsidizing these cally," Mr. Bentsen said. "And that industries, because it fears a public is a very high subsidy to pay to try

Mr. Clinton and his advisers ar- by some of that subsidy being tak-

use the savings parily to pay down members about 250 American the deficit and partly to cover the companies doing business in Ruscost of unemployment insurance, sia — ranging from Coca Cola to

tive product."

pensions, schooling and meals.

head of the government's privatiza- State Property Committee, evidently to reassure the visiting Americans that the privatization program would not be curtailed in "Mr. Chubais, you will be doing that in Lefortovo Prison to call for the aftermath of the December

your lunch!" Mr. Zhirinovsky Other government changes are to be announced on Monday. Indicashouted, referring to a notorious tions are that Yegor T. Gaidar, the Before withdrawing his candidachief economic planner, will also cy, Mr. Zhirinovsky insisted that he

dates for speaker had been reduced through preliminary voting to two, both inimical to Mr. Yeltsin. They were Ivan Rybkin of the Agrarian my two-day stay there turned Eu-rope and the whole world upside down, diplomats and politicians Party, and Yuri Vlasov, a former weight lifter and resolute conservative. Both would be welcome to the

> In another vote, opposition forces succeeded in establishing that a quorum for purposes of holding a session of the Duma was half the 444 registered deputies. That effectively made it impossible for any one bloc to block a meeting

REFORMS: Yeltsin Resists Tougher Clinton Plan

"One of their problems right

now is the expansion of credit to

industries that are not competitive,

that are not selling or making a product that will be bought in the

rest of the world or even domesti-

cally," Mr. Bentsen said. "And that

to get to some of the social prob-

"It is much better taken care of

en away from some of the outmod-

ed industries and, in turn, go to the

social structure, retraining dislocat-

ed workers, developing a competi-

Mr. Bentsen on Thursday at-

tended the opening of the Ameri-can Chamber of Commerce in

Moscow, which already has as

General Motors to Amoco.

At day's end in the Doma, candi-

Communist Party and other conservative forces.

Although the agreement is largely symbolic, because the missiles

Clinton told Mr. Yeltsin, according little about the profits being made

A Show of Support for Yeltsin

Clinton Looks at Moscow, and Vice Versa

American ambassador in Moscow,

Mr. Clinton met three times with

Mr. Yeltsin - at two sessions in

the Kremlin on Thursday morning.

the slightest doubt that Mr. Yeltsin

remained the administration's

"I believe that we have a clear

opportunity to work together to

build a new framework of security

for Europe," Mr. Clinton told re-

systems, free economic systems and

nations that respect one another.

And President Yeltsin has been do-

ing that here and deserves the sup-

embarked on a tour of Moscow

shops, dropping in on a baker, and then a combined butcher and fish-

monger, near Red Square. He fum-

bled in his pocket for rubles to buy

a loaf of dark bread, told inquiring

Muscovites that Hillary Rodham

Clinton would arrive Friday and

offered assurances that things

would soon get better for the Rus-

"All these folks working hard

need to know that in the end they

Then, wearing a gray fur hat to ward off the cold, he went on to

Kazan Cathedral, destroyed in the

Stalin era and recently rebuilt. Its

bells chimed as he arrived, and he

prayed for his mother, Virginia Kelley, whose funeral Mr. Clinton

attended in Arkansas just before

Finally, he visited the leader of

leaving for Europe.

will be rewarded," he said.

From the Kremlin, the president

port of the United States."

"based on free political

said that "it also has real value in

confidence-building,

main man in Russia.

porters,

minutes, Thomas R. Pickering the triarch Alexei II, who is ill with

bronchitis at a Moscow hospital.

Thursday's meetings as excellent,

and one expert on Russia said that

for the first time the two sides were

"no longer merely passing points

For his part, Mr. Yeltsin seemed

to be sending a none-too-subtle

message to his visitors, to the effect that the thunder on his right made

it important for him to stand up for

his country and its place in the

His spokesman. Vvacheslav

Kostikov, emphasized to American

reporters that Mr. Yeltsin's main

point was "that the U.S. and Rus-

sia are equal partners, as opposed to Russia being in a position where it has to plead for American help."

Since the elections, the spokes-

man said, "Russia has joined the

ranks of the world's major constitu-

tional democracies, and the United

States now realizes it cannot solve

Europe's problems without Rus

sponse to the opposition's major themes in the campaign, Mr. Clin-

ton clearly picked it up. On Thurs-

day night at the ambassador's house, he spoke lyrically of how.

"over the centuries, the Russian

people have shown their greatness

in many ways — in culture, on the battlefield, in government, in

space" - and now stood poised to

make their nation "strong and vital

and alive for hundreds of years into

To further underline his respect

for his host and for Russian tradi-

tion, Mr. Clinton agreed to spend Friday night, which will be his last

here, in an apartment in the Krem-lin. That will make him the first

American President to do so since

the future."

If that seemed like a belated re-

across the table."

American officials described

By R. W. Apple Jr.

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — President Bill Clinton came to this wintry capital on Thursday and embraced President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia almost without qualification, dewith the emphasis firmly on ecospite the surprisingly strong nationalist, anti-Yelisin revolt that nomic policies, and on Thursday night over dinner at a government dacha outside town, where security issues were discussed. He left not marked the parliamentary elections Dec. 12.

On his first visit to Russia as president, Mr. Clinton and his senior aides conceded that many peonle here had suffered acute economic privation in the transition from communism to a free market. They spoke of the need for a redesigned net of social services to ease the pain. But they nonetheless pressed for a sustained, or in some areas increased, pace of reform.

In backing the extreme nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky and other foes of the government, one of the main American participants in Thursday's talks said. Russian voters had not been protesting the pace of reform, as widely suggest-ed. Rather, he said, "what we had was a vote against difficult economic conditions," and the way to

ease them is more reform, not less. On Thursday night, at a reception at Spaso House, the residence of the American ambassador, Mr. Clinton hedged his bets a bit, greeting members of all the parliamentary parties, including Gennadi Zuthe Duma, or lower house, and nov, a Communist member of Maxim Travkin, a 25-year-old banker who is a snaver, less vocifer-

ous colleague of Mr. Zhirinovsky. According to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, Mr. Zhirinovsky himself was not asked, "because his actions and his language and his statements do not make him fit to be in a meeting or invited by the president of the

"Each of you who have participated in this new democratic process have my respect, my admiration and my pledge of equal partnership," Mr. Clinton told the legislators and a wide variety of ministers, scholars, artists and business people.

On Friday, administration offi-cials said, Russia and the United States will officially announce that they have agreed to stop aiming their missiles at cities and military targets in each other's countries and in allied nations. In the future the officials said, most of the missiles will be aimed at no specific targets, with a few aimed at uninhabited ocean areas.

could be re-aimed within a few

by American companies doing

the pitfalls of investing here. Com-

plaints ranged from the turear to U.S. businesses by local gangs to ints ranged from the threat to

the absence of a body of contract

law to regulate business and assure

tive of the Chase Manhattan Bank,

told Mr. Bentsen that the lack of

"fundamental requirements" is

holding American businesses back.

He listed these as: the need for a

safe living and business environ-

ment, free of intimidation and ex-

tortion: the need for legal and po-

litical security; the need for a

strong commercial law and invest-

ment code, and an enforceable tax

regime that encourages foreign and

million consumers, has tremendous

appeal, Mr. Fullenkamp said, but

investors should approach it with a

The Russian market, with 150

local investment

"long-term view".

Steve Fullenkamp, representa-

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HUBBLE: Finely Tuned Telescope Back in Business

The Treasury secretary heard a

has put in place in Germany for cal of Mr. Kohl's leadership and 1994 and 1995 are a substantial increasingly warm in their esteem example of fiscal restraint and a key reason we think the German opposition Social Democrats. economy will expand slowly for the next several years," he said. Cuts in government spending were a key condition the Bundesbank set for cuts in German inter-

Despite these efforts, however, many question whether the German government will have the ability or the will to make additional cons in entitlements in an election.

What is needed, many say, is deregulation and a business chi that fosters, rather than hinders, investments in promising new tech-

Business leaders, who normally support the conservative coalition . NEXT: When and how will Japan headed by Chancellor Helmut end its longest postwar economic Kohl, have been increasingly criti- shump?

increasingly warm in their esteem for the economic policies of the In a book published this week,

Karl Schiller, a Social Democrat who was economics minister during the German boom years of 1966-72, criticized the government's handling of German unifi-cation and said not just one but several generations of Germans should shoulder the burden. He said the country's current re-

cession offered an opportunity for a hard change of course."

He added, "If you look at it closely and draw the consequences, the recession destroys old habits and presumptions and creates a tabada rasa for a new kind of poli-

end its longest postwar economic

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Mr. Major did not immediately job retraining and pensions. "Sup-spond to Mr. Adams' comments. port people, not industries." Mr.

Maryland and head of the subcommittee that oversees NASA's budget, said the success would indeed restore the agency's reputation in Congress and could help win needhillion international space station.

The trouble with Hubble is

over," the senator said at the news conference. "We now know that NASA has the right stuff." Soon after the \$1.6 billion telescope was launched in April 1990, astronomers discovered a manufacturing flaw in the primary mirror that prevented sharp focusing and

resulted in blurry pictures. nants of the shuttle Endeavour. The installation went smoothly, but only after weeks of testing and alignment checks could ground controllers at the Goddard center

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the job. Astronomers said the improved telescope should now be able to

observe objects out as far as 10 billion to 14 billion light years, aled support for its plans for the \$30 most to the edge of the universe and early in cosmic time. Previously, it had been limited to vistas no more than 4 billion light

years away. In fact, the faint-object camera should be capable of observations comparable to detecting the light of a firefly 8,000 miles

The repair mission involved installing a replacement for the main camera, including mirrors designed to compensate for the flaw in the telescope's 94-inch (240-centime ter) primary mirror. Also inserted was a piece of equipment with special mirrors on the end of mechanical arms, which were then deployed to correct the focus of light entering

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confirm that the repairs had done the faint-object camera and two

spectrographs.
The NASA administrator, Daniel S. Goldin, said that in some respects, the Hubble telescope was now capable of observations much better than had been originally olanned. The replacement camera, called

the wide field-planetary camera, contained not only the corrective optics but more sensitive electronic light detectors based on more advanced technology than had been available when the telescope was first built

More testing will be conducted in the next few weeks, but regular observations with the wide-field camera are expected to begin by the end of the month. Astronomers were already talking eagerly of things they want to study that had been beyond Hubble's flawed vi-

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Still Dithering on Bosnia

Bosnia's warring armies are not taking NA-TO's latest warning of air strikes very seriously, and neither should anybody else. What really went on at the Brussels summit meeting this week was 99 parts maneuver to one part substance, having much more to do with inter-

alliance politics than with the Bosnian tragedy.

But give the Clinton administration the credit it deserves. Not only did it successfully press its proposals on NATO's possible expansion into Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In addition, having learned something from last year's Bosnia stumbles, it neatly sidestepped the diplomatic traps set for it by mischievous French Gaullists and cynical British promoters of unenforceable peace agreements. instead it held fast to Washington's more prudent and more principled approach.

It is hard to cut through all the diplomatic smoke, but it appears that France's last-minute drive to add Bosnia to the summit agenda was designed mainly to embarrass the United States. Anticipating a lack of American enthusiasm for even talking about Bosnia again, France's conservative government, more na-tionalist than its Socialist predecessor, thought Paris might thereby demonstrate to the Germans and others that the United States could not be counted on in Europe. Therefore, as France sees it, Europeans should build their own independent defense structures.

The British, who very much want to keep American troops involved in any European defense structure, may have hoped that by signing on to this French initiative they might hoodwink an unsure Clinton administration into giving the explicit U.S. backing to European Union proposals for partitioning Bosnia that Washington has so far wisely withheld. Bill Clinton parried the French by declaring that the United States remains as ready as ever to join the Europeans in a carefully drawn plan of NATO air strikes designed to protect civilians and encourage a negotiated peace. But he rightly insisted, once again, that American forces would be introduced only as part of a multilateral effort, only for humanitarian purposes and only in the form of air power. And the president wisely continued to keep some distance from European diplomatic efforts, which have been inconsistently principled and consistently ineffective.

The plan that the NATO leaders unanimously endorsed requires that any air strikes first be requested by United Nations military commanders in Bosnia, and then be approved by UN headquarters in New York, possibly through a Security Council vote. Given continued British ambivalence toward bombing Serbian artillery positions, potential Russian hostility in the Security Council and the sluggish logistics of the UN Secretariat, actual air strikes appear extremely unlikely.

For besieged Sarajevans, nothing much has changed. There is still little prospect of outside relief. But it should be increasingly clear to all that the main reason for Europe's dithering response to the Bosnian tragedy is European gamesmanship, not American unreli-ability. If Europe ever manages to resolve its own divisions on the issue and come up with a constructive and realistic policy. President Clinton made plain, the United States will do its part. For him, it was a surefooted performance on slippery terrain.

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Investigating the Clintons

Progress in the BCCI Case

calls for an independent probe of his and Mrs. Clinton's roles in the failed Whitewater and Madison ventures in Arkansas was inevitable. With demands for a special counsel mushrooming in Congress, and notably within his own party, Mr. Clinton had little choice but to relent. An investigation directed by anyone within the administration's chain of command would have lacked standing with the public. Wednesday's White House announcement that Attorney General Janet Reno has been asked to appoint a special counsel -- "a respected, impartial and qualified attorney who is not a member of the Department of Justice or an employee of the federal government" - to probe the Whitewater affair was a

welcome change of mind. It was also overdue. The delay only fueled suspicions about the Clintons' reasons for resisting an independent look at their Arkansas affairs. It also added to the growing clamor for an independent investigator and public disclosure of all the details surrounding Whitewater and Madison. The White House complaint that "innuendo, political posturing and irresponsible accusations" drove the president to Wednesday's decision does not hold much water. The more credible answer may have to do with the need to address the host of unanswered questions that flow from the Clintons' links to James and Susan McDougal, their co-ownership of the failed

summer in the BCCI case, a very large ques-tion was left dangling unanswered. Exactly how did the thoroughly corrupt Bank of Cred-

it and Commerce International manage to

gain control of four American banks? Mr.

Altman had been charged with helping to

engineer it by deceiving the bank regulators.

But the jury found him not guilty, not least

because of evidence that the regulators had

known about at least some of these illegal

arrangements. That evidence, an internal

memo from a Federal Reserve official, has

obvious implications. You might think that it

would have set off the usual noisy inquiry.

But now the BCCI investigation has moved

forward again. American authorities have

worked out a deal with the sheikh of Abu

Dhabi, the principal owner of BCCI. He will

extradite to the United States one Swaleh

Naqvi, the most knowledgeable of the bank's

executives, and give the Americans access to

a mountain of the hank's records. That may

provide more light on these events. In return

the trustee of one of the illegally owned

Keeping Asian Gains at Home

The proposed East Asia Economic Caucus,

or EAEC, may have to wait a bit longer. The

idea was mooted three years ago as a loose

consultative body to discuss trade and econom-

ic matters. It has been adopted as an initiative

of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Instead there has been a huge silence.

Whitewater Development Corporation and the ties of both couples to the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan failure.

There is a good deal about the way in which the White House has responded to these inquiries that is disturbing. The plotted indigna-tion by White House damage control spinners aimed at attacking opponents rather than getting out the facts was tired old stuff that raised more suspicion than it could ever allay. The disclosure that the president's personal lawyer had negotiated an arrangement with the Justice Department to keep information out of the public domain did not add to the idea of a president wanting to clear the air of suspicion.

The White House does raise a legitimate concern. The special counsel's probe should not be a meandering fishing expedition. A speedy investigation, one that does not cut corners but also does not chase shadows. serves everyone's interest. There have been examples of special investigations of this kind that went far afield and engaged the ego and vanity of the prosecutors. There have been more examples, however, of the kind that did the job and did it efficiently and well. We hope the latter will be the precedent for whoever is chosen for this job. The president can do his part by being up front with the facts -and sharing relevant information with the American people without waiting for the special counsel's report.

ey long before it was shut down in 1991. But

American law. Most of the energy and push in

the investigation has come from a local prose-cutor, Robert M. Morgenthau, a New York

district attorney. A congressional investiga-tion would be well warranted, but the House

Banking Committee has shown only limited

interest and the Senate committee none at all.

what happened and how a renegade bank so

easily circumvented the law? Speculation offers

many possibilities, but speculation unsupport-

ed by evidence is useless. At this point, whether

people go to jail is secondary. The more urgent

interest is to discover what went wrong in order

to prevent a repetition and to protect the integ-

is much in layor of an East Asian caucus. It is time Japan and South Korea realized

their rightful place in East Asia, the hottest

economic region of the world. The GATT agreement will benefit the North much more

than it will the South. It is thus vitally impor-

tant that the EAEC should be put in place

without further delay. Developing countries

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

rity of the American financial system.

Why this remarkable reluctance to find out

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Clinton and Assad: Speeding Up Peace?

N EW YORK — The meeting this Sunday in Geneva between Bill Clinton and Hafez Assad once again reminds Americans that the Syrian president is a major player in Middle East peacemaking. One hopes that the meeting will encourage him to take further steps toward peace, in the spirit of his 1992 statement that Syria was ready for a "peace of the brave."

But President Clinton will encounter a man whose doubts about Israeli policy toward Syria and the Arab states in general have not signifi-cantly changed since he discussed them with President Jimmy Carter in 1977.

Mr. Assad still professes to see little difference between Israel's Labor and Likud parties on the issue of returning all the occupied Golan Heights to Syrian sovereignty, as well as reaching an equi-table solution to the Palestinian question. Mr. Assad has said that he will not work against

the September peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, but he has made plain that he believes that the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, made a bad deal. Syria's bargaining position has weakened since the collapse of the Soviet Union, its chief patron and arms supplier. But Mr. Assad is a

patient negotiator.

He has continued to devote a high percentage of Syria's budget to the military. When the Soviet Union could no longer meet his needs, he found alternative weapons suppliers in China and North Korea. The Syrian arsenal is formidable. although far from matching that of Israel. Understandably, Israel views it as a serious threat. Concerning the Golan occupation, however, Israel's military leadership has changed its view By Richard W. Murphy

in recent years. It now believes that if peace can be attained, Israel need not remain in its present military positions. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has spoken of a withdrawal on the Golan. although thus far not from the Golan.

Americans and Israelis alike tend to play down Syria's fear of Israel. In fact this fear is as genuine as Israel's fear of Syria. Syrian leaders are quick to remind visitors how close the Israeli units on the Golan are to Damascus. They urgo foreign dignitaries to visit the Golan town of Quneitra, destroyed by Israeli troops after the 1973 war. Today the town, with its smashed and

empty buildings, is a virtual war museum.

Mr. Clinton will not find it easy to diminish.

Syrian distrust of Israel. Nor will be achieve one of Washington's public demands: cancellation of the Arab boycott that prohibits trade with Israel. Damascus will insist on maintaining the boycott until it sees much more tangible progress toward a regional settlement. Most Arab governments support that position.

So what purpose can this meeting serve?

After all, Mr. Clinton has won a Syrian commitment to return to the negotiating table with the Israelis by early February.

A Clinton-Assad meeting can be useful in three ways. First, the president can encourage Syria to abandon its sterile Alphonse-Gaston routine with Israel, in which Damascus says it will not reveal what it means by "full peace" until Israel affirms that it is prepared for "full with-

Washington plans to work toward a comprehen-sive peace settlement, to which Mr. Clinton pledged himself on the White House lawn on Sept. 13, after Israel and the PLO signed a peace accord. Mr. Assad has long held that the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was a serious mistake because, in breaking the Syrian-Egyptian front, it stopped the steady emergence of an Arab consensus for peace. He was angered by Mr. Arafat's agreement with the Israelis and has made clear that he will oppose any separate treaty, whether between the Palestinians and Israel or between any Arab state and Israel. He will be listening for more specific expressions of

Washington's support for this position. Finally, Mr. Clinton needs to both convey his understanding of Syria's concerns and demon-strate his commitment to remain a full partner in the negotiations. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger showed such understanding while shut-tling between Israel and Syna to work out the tling between Israel and Syria to work out the 1974 disengagement agreement. By demonstrating similar sensitivity and per-

sistence, President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker were able to persuade Mr. Assad to send his foreign minister to the 1991 viiddle East peace conference in Madrid.

Middle East peace may in fact be inevitable, but the meeting on Sunday, even if not a break-through, should speed up the process.

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Do American Troops Really Belong on the Golan?

N EW YORK — When Bill Clin ton meets Hafez Assad on Sunday, the prospect of Israeli-Syrian negotiatious will top their agenda. It is possible that they will discuss the notion of American security guarantees for Israel in the event of its withdrawal from all or part of the Golan Heights, as part of a peace settlement. The core of any such guarantee would be the placement of American armed forces on the Golan, committed to fight in support of

Israel's defense in case of attack. Such a notion requires careful scrutiny. The first thing to be ascer-tained is how the people of Israel and of the United States would feel about such an unprecedented and risk-laden development.

In its 45 years of existence, Israel has been the object of massive, systematic, concerted Arab belligerence, in half a dozen wars and wave upon wave of state-sponsored terrorism. Not once did Israel request or receive military defense from any power, nor was any foreign soldier ever asked to light and die for it. The feisty pride engendered by this history of self-reliance has long been a major source of intense, profound inner strength for the people of Israel, sustaining them through the many years of crisis and bolstering the nation's moral and political authority in dealing with other nations, especially the United States. A series of questions flow from

By Meir Rosenne

 Might the psychological role reversal wrought, for the first time, by American guarantees have the effect of undermining this reservoir of national morale, perhaps even inducing a sense of loss of independence, and a mood of helplessness • Since the guarantor is bound to

impose constraints upon its protégé, to what extent would Israel lose indedence of action taken outside its borders, in pursuit of its national interest and security needs? · Would the international per-

ception of Israel's dependence on a great power for its security dim the hister of its independence, and diminish the force of its moral and political authority in world affairs? How would such constraints relate to a situation like Israel's successful unilateral bombing of Iraq's Osirak nuclear war facility in 1981 or or Israel's rescue of its nationals at Entebbe in a plane hijacked by ter-

rorists to Uganda in 1976?

• In light of disasters perpetrated by foreign terrorists in America, how would such constraints affect Israel's possible military action against terrorist bases outside Israel?

The United States is under potent moral and psychological constraints on its own freedom of action in international affairs, and fundamental questions must arise about their po-tential effect on the extent, utility and force of any security guarantees that it might extend to Israel.

• Since the United States has made clear in recent years that it is strongly disinclined, unless vital national interests are at stake, to act alone in critical situations, but prefers collective action in concert with friendly states, would not unilateral American military action to back security guarantees for Israel be construed in world opinion as a blatant exercise of American imperial power, and would the American public be ready to accept such a harsh con-

demnation in this specific instance? Even if the United States were willing to brave such condemnation. might not the proliferation of missilery and nuclear arms in the hands of enemies of Israel -- Middle Eastern terrorists and states sponsoring terrorism — tend to inhibit or compromise unilateral or any other form of strong American military action in Israel's defense?

• In view of the wariness and distinct lack of enthusiasm in the American public and Congress regarding any policy that could lead to risky foreign military entangle-ment and the quagmire of long-term involvement costly in money, arms and armed forces, could effective security guarantees for Is-rael gain a broad consensus of support among the American people, as well as the requisite ratification

days later he injected plutonium into a

But the army was beginning to get squeamish. In November, when Dr.

Hamilton asked for more plutonium,

the army denied the request. In De-

cember, it advised him to "take im-

A week later, Dr. Hamilton sent the army a secret report on radiological

warfare in which he proposed using

radioactive smoke as a killing agent.

"Such a type of preparation would

sion product aerosols to subject ur-

ban populations to fission product

poisoning by inhalation," he wrote.
"It can be well imagined the de-

gree of consternation, as well as fear

and apprehension, that such an

agent would produce upon a large

urban population after its initial

use." Countermeasures and decon-

tamination, he concluded, would be "almost hopeless."

The following month, the Atomic Energy Commission, the civilian

ity for atomic weapons from the

army, sent a representative to talk to

Dr. Hamilton about his proposed fu-

ture human experiments. The inter-mediary reported that Dr. Hamil-ton's plan for the research "should be

In July 1947, Elmer Allen, an Afri-

can-American railroad porter be-lieved to be suffering from bone can-cer, became the third and last subject

to be injected with platonium at the University of California Hospital Fragmentary records indicate that

other radioactive substances - in-

other radioactive substances — including polonium, americium and radium — were injected into other, as yet unidentified human subjects.

By 1948, protests against human radiation experiments were being raised in the Atomic Energy Compiesting That fall the abstrace of

mission. That fall, the chairman of

the commission's advisory committee

on biology and medicine, outraged

that Dr. Stone was giving whole-body

X-rays to arthritis patients, notified the radiologist that the commission's

experts "do not wish to collaborate in-

Undeterred, Dr. Stone defended

select the patients and choose the

type of therapy.

satisfactory" to the commission.

acy that had assumed responsibil-

appear well adapted for producing fis-

mediate action to stop this work."

boy with terminal bone cancer.

of any such treaty by the Senate? It has not been doughty national honor alone that has sustained the Israeli people's durable streak of self-reliance. It has been an even broader streak of skepticism that any power, even its dear American friend, would rush to its defense in time of critical attack by an enemy.

The validity of this searing doubt is borne out by the historical record. No one ever came to Israel's defense in the wars of 1948, 1956, 1967 or 1973, or in the never ending war on terrorism.

Any such great-power action would have to be grounded in that power's perception of a vital national interest, and Israelis are duty-bound to ask themselves: Would America view it as a vital national interest to assume an ironclad military undertaking to Israel on the Golan Heights?

None of these questions can be answered with certainty now, but they will have to be addressed. For, in stepping down from the Golan. Israel would take a grave security risk, and the people of Israel and any government they elect will surely insist that more than paper formulas must be in place to minimize or eliminate that risk.

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Protection: Luxury You Can't Afford

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — It is no secret that tariffs and import restrictions cost consumers a lot of money. Anyone who buys a car in the United States, whether it is domestic or imported, can assume that at least 33,000 of the price paid to the dealer results from "voluntary" quotas on Japanese cars that permitted both American and Japanese companies to boost prices throughout the 1980s. In a recent report, the GATT di-rector-general, Peter Sutherland, esti-mated that one-third of the final cost of a car in France is attributable to

French quotas on imports. The assumption has been that if there are costs like these to be borne. at least the major beneficiaries are workers whose jobs have been preworkers whose jobs have to dramatic data gathered by Gary C. Hufbauer and Kimberley A. Elliott and published this week by the Institute for International Economics.

In a new book, "Measuring the Costs of Protection in the United States," the authors calculate that in 1990 American consumers had to pay about \$70 ballion in higher prices be-cause of tariffs and quantitative re-strictions. Of that total, about \$16 billion goes to the federal government in higher tariff revenues. That leaves \$54 billion, of which 80 percent or \$43 billion, goes to producers in 21 protected industries, who can boost their share of the market - and besides, with competition from abroad diminished, raise prices.

The authors calculate that of the

\$43 billion bonanza for industry, not more than \$4 billion goes to roughly 190 000 bine-collar workers who retain their jobs as a result of the pro-1 tectionist tariffs or quotas.

On average, the cost to consumers for saving each of those jobs is \$170,000 a year — or six times the average annual pay (wages plus beacfits) of manufacturing workers.
That is merely the average. The

annual cost of saving a job by protectionist strategies is more than \$400,000 each in 10 of 21 long-protected industries. The authors demonstrate that:

countervailing duties and anti-dump-ing penalties on foreign suppliers of steel since 1992 have saved the jobs of 1,239 American steelworkers, each at a cost to consumers of \$835,351.

The arithmetic of the steel case is this: Duties and penalties will reduce imports by about 30 percent and generate an average 4 percent rise in domestic prices. U.S. steel producers thus benefit by about \$657 million, while consumers ex-pend an extra \$1.035 billion for the steel products. The government's

tariff gain is \$318 million.

To date, the Clinton administration has resisted pressure from Detroit to reclassify minivans and sports utility vehicles (mostly Japanese) as light trucks, which pay a punitive 25 percent tariff, a hang-over from a 1960s trade dispute with Europe known as the "chicken war The authors estimate that consumers would lose \$987 million if Detroit should get its way, saving a minuscule 203 jobs. That would place the persion cost to consumers at more than \$4 million each.

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Detroit would still like to find a way, through trade protection, to choke off imports of Japanese minivans and utility vehicles. It would be nice to think that public attention to the Hufbaner-Elliott \$4 million-per-job calculation will end this mischief

for all time. The good news is that the recent GATT agreement will cut these horrendous charges on consumers all over the world. In the United States, consumer costs for protectionism will be cut by \$32 billion over time. The most heavily protected American industrial sectors, apparel and textiles, which now account for \$24 billion of the \$70 billion that con-

sumers must fork over, will lose 70 percent of their protection. One hopes that the Hufbauer-Elliott work will be closely studied, especially by those who opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement in the mistaken view that they were taking a pro-jobs position.

Among other things, this new study demonstrates once again that protection seldom leads to renewed growth in a declining industry, and that jobs "saved" not only are saved at great cost but are not very good jobs.

It is better economics, more compassionate and cheaper to pay extragenerous allowances to maintain earn-ings and finance retraining and/or relocation for workers squeezed out of their jobs by competition and new

The Washington Post.

Doctors in Ardent Pursuit of Radiation Weapons

WASHINGTON — Reports of government radiation experibanks will drop a suit against the sheikh.
The BCCI affair has been peculiar from the
beginning. It is, first of all, the largest fraud in ments on unwitting Americans dur-ing the Cold War, although shocking. have overlooked an important and sinister element. Some of the plutonithe history of finance. Worldwide, something um injections and X-rays were peron the order of \$12 billion is missing. The formed not only for medical research bank was notorious for laundering drug monbut also to study potential military applications of radiological poisons. The doctors who carried out some federal agencies have been at best intermittent in their pursuit of the many violations of the experiments were interested

By Gregg Herken and James David As early as the spring of 1943, they them in a shed behind his house. discussed with the army the killing of

an unspecified number of the enemy by poisoning food or water with radioactive strontium. The success of the atomic bomb diverted attention from this project, but the two doctors remained enthu-

siastic about radiological warfare. "If we were directed tomorrow to reorga-

The doctor sent the army a secret report in which he proposed using radioactive smoke as a killing agent.

not only in saving lives but in taking them. The work of two physicians mentioned in news accounts, Joseph G. Hamilton and Robert S. Stone,

deserve further scrutiny.

Dr. Hamilton, a neurologist at the
University of California Hospital in San Francisco, was one of the first doctors to use radioactive tracers in medical research in the 1930s. Dr. Stone, a radiologist at the same hospital, was chosen by the U.S. Army in 1942 to monitor the health of people working on the atomic bomb. From 1942 to 1946, Dr. Stone ex-

posed 32 dying patients to powerful X-rays to examine radiation's effect on the body. Such information was needed to develop treatments for the inevitable victims of radiation accidents at the bomb factories that were proliferating around the country.

Dr. Hamilton fed plutonium to rats in a similar effort to find out where it went in their bodies. Both men became intrigued with

another obvious application of their research: using contamination with radiation as a weapon of war.

nize our fission product work to the military needs of radioactive warfare." Dr. Hamilton advised the army in January 1945, "almost all of our past and present efforts with fission products would be directly applicable."

His rat experiments having proved inconclusive for humans, Dr. Hamilton notified the army on May 10, er from Healdsburg, California, who was believed to be suffering from terminal stomach cancer. On May 14, Mr. Stevens was injected with what one of Dr. Hamil-

ton's colleagues subsequently de-

1945, that he was awaiting a "suit-able patient." A few days later he found Albert Stevens, a house paint-

scribed as "many times the so-called lethal textbook dose" of plutonium. On May 18, a biopsy showed that the patient had an ulcer, not cancer.
Dr. Hamilton never told Mr. Stevens the nature of the experiment in which he was the guinea pig, but he closely monitored the plutonium that his patient excreted. Dr. Stevens dutifully collected his urine and feces in glass bottles and stored

Secret Radioactive Tests on a Select Few

D ISCLOSURES of secret radio-logical releases and medical tests carried out decades ago are coming so thick and fast, and yet with so little detail, that the principal result is confusion. If ourrage is warranted, where should it be directed?

Perhaps 1,000 people were involved in radioactive medical tests. Lumped together in the recent revelations are experiments of probably little or no risk, which used radioactive tracers to study various body systems, and experiments on the effects of radiation, which apparently involved doses known at the time to be dangerous.

In the former category are the experiments in which retarded boys at the Fernald State School were fed radioactive iron and calcium. In the latter are injections of plutonium into 18 patients, and radiation of prisoners' genitals.

There is insufficient evidence to judge how great the medical risks were, or were then thought to be, or

whether any of these experiments promised sufficiently large scientific payoffs to justify human experimentation. The apparent violations of the Nuremberg Code, which requires voluntary consent and protection of subjects from "even remote possibilities of injury, disability or death," and of the Hippocratic standard, "First, do no harm," will have to be weighed against the fact that full consent was more the exception than the rule in medicine at the time. Nonetheless, the tests were all

clinical investigations with physi-cians in whose considered judgment they do not have confidence."

In July 1949, the head of the commission's division of biology and medicine wrote Dr. Stone that he was done on people the Atomic Energy Commission considered disposable: prisoners, mental patients, indigents, blacks and pregnant (unmarried?) women who were soon to "taking an increasingly dim view" of give up their children for adoption. human experimentation. Whatever researchers believed the risks to be, they chose Fernald the radiation experiments on the School for their experiments, grounds that he and his colleagues, not the commission, had the right to not Exeter.

— Jessica Mathews, commenting in The Washington Post.

The evidence suggests that he continued his work at Laguna Honda, a county-run home for the elderly in The end of the war did nothing to stem Dr. Hamilton's interest in radio-logical warfare. In April 1946 he again San Francisco, with financial support from the University of California. Dr. Hamilton also continued exreported to the army on potential mili-tary applications of his research. Three

perimenting long after the war. By the late 1940s he had helped persuade the army to carry out "pilot experi-ments on a fairly large scale" of his radioactive aerosol idea. In October 1949, the army conducted the first of six tests of radio-

logical munitions at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah. Dr. Hamilton was chairman of the panel of experts who advised the army on the tests. A year later he wrote to the Atomic Energy Commission about the possi-

bility of finding healthy human volunteers to inhale near-lethal doses of radioactive aerosols -- acknowledging that his proposed experiment had "a little of the Buchenwald touch." Apparently, he found no volun-teers. As late as 1952, he wrote that he was "most desirous that the {radio-

logical warfare! program continue to develop as rapidly as possible."

In 1964, two years before his death, Dr. Stone received an Atomic Energy Commission citation for "inspire effective and pioneering leadership. Dr. Hamilton died in 1957, aged 49, of a care form of leukemia almost certainly caused by exposure to radia-

who was his first human subject, died of heart disease in 1966 at age 79. Mr. Herken, chairman of space history, and Mr. David, a researcher, both at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, contributed this coment to The New York Times.

tion. Mr. Stevens, the house painter

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Journalists Clash CAIRO - Considerable sensation

has been caused here by an assault made upon M. Paul Campana, chief editor of the French journal the Etalle. He was attacked yesterday evening [Jan. 12] by five Italians, who proceeded to strike him on the head with life preserves and leaded of the proceeding the strike him on the head with life preserves and leaded of the preserves and with life preservers and loaded sticks. His condition is very serious. Three Italians were arrested. They belong to the staff of the Italian journal the Corriere Egiziane, of Alexandria, This premeditated outrage has aroused considerable excitement in the French colony here. It is the result of a violent polemic in the two journals on the policy of Italy and the riots at Aigues-Mortes.

1919: Seine Subsides

PARIS - The Seine continues to diminish in volume in the region of Paris, and the crisis may now be said

the quais at Courbevoie and Asnières. There was only 5m. 19cm. [17 feet] of water at the Post d'Austerlitz yesterday [Jan. 13]. The recent rains have caused a slight rise of the Grand Morin. On the other hand, the Loire and its tributaries are subsiding, as is also the Allier.

1944: Fierce Fighting

LONDON - [From our New York edition:] The Russian Army beat back "fierce" German counter-attacks on the road to Rumania for the second straight day yesterday [Jan. 13] in perhaps one of the decisive battles of the winter, killing 3,000 Germans in "extremely fierce lighting" while other forces arranded the ing," while other forces extended the Russian salient into Old Poland to a 130-kilometer [80-mile] front. The midnight communique broadcast by Moscow said large forces of Ger mans were lighting bitterly to halt the Russians hammering south toto have passed. The Quai de la Gare ward the Ukrainian Bug River and in now complétely dry, as are also the Rumanian frontier.

It was rejected outright by former President should show a common endeavor to make George Bush, but the present U.S. administrasure that the fruits of their labors remain in the region and not be spirited away, as in tion is not against it. U.S. objections had prevented Japan and South Korea from suppportearlier centuries, by the West. ing the idea. The business community in Japan Business Times (Kuola Lumpur)

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OPINION

Lest Hillary Be Exposed As Less Than Competent

By William Safire

ter must have been worried sick last June about his letter of Feb. 28, 1989, to the Federal Deposit In-

on

surance Corp.
In this nine-page letter from the Rose law firm of Little Rock, Arkansas — probably among the many pa-pers concealed by the Chinton subpocna collusion with the Justice cial counsel proved to be a patsy prose-

Ignorance may be Mrs. Clinton's defense, but it is an embarrassing one for a sophisticated lawyer. Hillary's professional reputation is at risk.

Rose firm had represented Madison when it was open. Mr. Foster was asking the FDIC to hire the firm, in effect, to sue its previous clients which strikes me as an egregious conflict of interest.

Mr. Foster might have realized that failure to disclose the Rose firm's conflicting representation - not to mention Hillary Chinton's investment connection in Whitewater Development with the bank's former president placed himself, the first lady and others in danger of prosecution under Section 1001 of the Criminal Code: making false statements to the government, which includes covering up "a material fact."

Mr. Foster also had reason to assume that his former partner, Mrs. Clinton, might soon be subject to scrutiny for her representation of the Madison S&L when it was seeking fresh capital to avoid insolvency.

As the bank's attorney, she was an "independent contractor" under Section 3(u)4(C) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. She should have known that the insured was engaging "unsafe or unsound practices that ultimately cost insurers — U.S. taxpayers — \$60 million.

Ignorance is her defense, but an embarrassing one for a sophisticated lawyer; as Judge Stanley Sporkin put it in his 1990 Keating decision, Where

were these professionals?" No wonder the president's wife apparently one of "these profes-- was willing to subject her husband to the slings and arrows

WASHINGTON - Vincent Fos- tiveness. She did not want those Whitewater and Madison papers exposed because they may show her to be not merely an inept wheeler-dealer, but an occasionally less than competent attorney whose law partner could not bear the prospect of disgrace.

What should the attorney general do?

We've seen how the last in-house "special" counsel property to be a nester process.

Department - Mr. Foster made a cutor, beholden to the Justice Departpitch for the lucrative legal business ment. This one should prepare for the growing out of the collapse of court appointment of a truly independent madison S&L.

But nowhere in this document, now the Independent Course! Act next under active investigation by the month by wrapping up the "preliminary" investigation needed to seek court-appointed counsel.

That means sending the FBI to spend long hours with James McDougal, who ran Madison and says he has not vet been asked one Whitewater question by the feds. Clintonites suggest that investigators often ask the key perpetrators last; baloney. Grill both McDougals and the lender David Hale now, get the agents to file "302" reports, then take sworn grand jury testimony and compare the stories. Then talk to the Clintons.

Meid the separate Foster and Whitewater investigations quickly (which the president's lawyer fears, as shown in his request to keep subpoena-submerged documents from Justice's lackadaisical Foster probers), and double the agent manpower.

What should Congress do? Senate

leaders, after badgering in these parts, passed the independent counsel bill; in the House, Judiciary chairman Jack Brooks voted it out of committee but could not get the Rules Committee's attention. Speaker Tom Foley's misplaced priorities kept it from passage; now he should make it Item One when Congress reconvenes. Let the president sign it and let Ms. Reno go to court to swing two gates: Iraqgate and Whitewatergate.

Then have House Banking Committee hearings, Chairman Henry Gonzalez, hero of Iraqgate, is ducking his educational responsibility on this scandal. Liberal Republican Jim Leach of Iowa is carrying the ball; Mr. Gonzalez should make it bipartisan.

What will the president do? With Hillary's professional reputation at risk, full disclosure is not a realistic option. Expect the limited, modified hangout route.

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Watch this — I put plutonium in the apple pie.

A Sarajevo Story of Friends Helping Friends Helping . . .

محذامن الأصل

S ARAJEVO — Zeyneba Hardaga is a 77-year-old Muslim woman living in Sarajevo. She has a letter from the Israeli Foreign Ministry asking all those who come in contact with her to aid her in any way possible. The Jewish community sends a doctor several times a week to look in on her. The American Joint Distribution Committee, which aids Jewish

MEANWHILE

communities in need throughout the world, ensures that her family receives food packages regularly. And recently a Jewish woman in the neighborhood knitted a bright pink sweater for her 10-

year-old granddaughter.
During World War II, Mrs. Hardaga learned a costly lesson from her father. "You do not abandon your friends," be told her. This was his explanation for

Bordesux wine. The terrain available to

filmmakers is limitless, and it should

way it tells a story. And French story-

telling differs greatly from the American

approach. The French emphasize mood

and nuance, while Americans go in for

action and solid development of charac-

ters to whom audiences can relate. One

can see why good scripts have been bought from the French only to be

Rare is it that the French attempt

themes risky to their own image. And

yet French cinema is expressive, often

poignant and creative, a strong source of

cultural expression that should be supported not through chauvinism but

T. FRANCOIS,

brough openness and exchange.

What makes a film successful? The

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why the family was hiding and protect-ing a Jewish man during the Nazi occu-pation of Bosnia. Later he gambled with his own life to bring food and clothing to imprisoned Jewish men. Someone in formed on him, and Zevneba's father lost his gamble and his life.

In 1985, Zeyneba and her sister were flown to Israel, and at the Museum of the Holocaust became the first Muslims to receive a Righteous Gentile Award, the honor given to those non-Jews who heroically rescued Jews from certain death. Her sister is now dead, and Zeyneba shares an unheated seventh-floor apart-ment with her daughter Aida, son-in-law Branumir and granddaughter Stella.

As Zeyneba has but one leg, her life is reduced to the room where the family keeps a wood-burning stove. Her home lies behind Serbian lines, and when she left it, she brought little other than those items she holds most dear; her medal from Israel, a scrapbook of pictures from that trip and the precious citation from the Museum of the Holocaust its edges now frayed from handling,

Aida faces the pitch-black stairwell several times a day, and does so alone, as Branumir suffers from multiple sclerosis. She lugs sacks of wood, containers of water and boxes of food. One day last month a mortar shell landed just in front of her apartment house, killing five persons. Her kitchen window faces the Serb-held mountainside. Snipers take an occasional pot shot. Two bullet holes

mar the apartment's walls. With Zeyneba in failing health, the Jewish community's doctor, Srdjan Gornjakovic, visits as often as he can. One time he even took her to the hospital, carrying her down seven flights of stairs while Stella and Aida led the way with candles. Sometimes he spends the night, so afraid is Zeyneba when the nightly shelling starts. Last week the shelling was so intense that Srdjan could not make it over, and Aida could not

The president of the Joint Distribution Committee, Milton Wolf, monitors Zeyneba's condition by radio every week from New York. "Mrs. Hardaga will die if she remains there," he said. She has an invitation from the Israeli government to live in that country, but for reasons no one understands, she refuses. "As far as we know," Mr. Wolf added, "the Bosnian government has not okayed their names

for the next convoy out of Sarajevo, but we're trying like heli."
"I wonder if anyone has thought of the obvious," he added with a sigh. "While it's nice to commemorate a hero, the problem is she is alive now, and the woman who would not abandon the Jews should not be expected to abandon her family. Not in Sarajevo.'

The writer is a documentary photogra-pher based in Berlin. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Humans as Lab Animals

It is, of course, important to compensate the victims of the human radiation testing carried out in the United States. It is also important, however, to clearly identify the politicians who ordered or tolerated the Nazi-like experiments, as well as the scientists and technicians who eagerly or cowardly engaged in these crimes against humanity. Such crimes cannot be justified by reasons of national security. They should be punishable irrespective of whether they were committed in actual war or in cold war. Nor should they be subject to the statute

JOZEF GOLDBLAT.

The revelations concerning the radiation testing on human guinea pigs in the United States demonstrate once again that nation-states are not generally concerned with the well-being of their citizens. The military-industrial complex is arguably the best (or worst) illustration of this.

There is a tendency to equate these methods with fascist regimes, but this is not necessarily so, even if there are similarities in scale and strategy. Consider, for example, the official sale of contaminated blood for transfusions in some European countries.

Man's inhumanity to man is certainly not restricted to the foreigner, the stranger, the other. If only it could be widely realized that our common enemy is the lust for power, the malady of so many politicians.

STEPHEN AYRTON.

He Wasn't Asking for That

Regarding "The Court Allows the Thief to Make Out Like a Bandit" (Meanwhile, Dec. 3) by Richard Cohen:

An Old Testament atmosphere prevails in America in discussions of justice: an eye for an eye; let the punishment fit the crime; and Mr. Cohen's "once he chose to become a menace to society, he was not entitled to be compensated by it." Per-haps, but paraplegia seems a bit stiff for an unarmed mugging.
One can reasonably decry the lower

court's \$4.3 million award to the injured mugger, Bernard McCummings, which the Supreme Court upheld, but Mr. Cohen goes further: He comes close to justifying the shooting of Mr. McCum-mings on the ground that the latter could have killed his victim and that if he had not been shot and paralyzed he might have mugged again.

Mr. Cohen writes that this case, "its

individual circumstances aside, illustrates that something has gone out of whack in America's criminal justice system." But when cases are tried on other than individual circumstances, that is when a justice system is out of whack - and becomes a political tool of those in power. CHRISTOPHER HOUSTON.

No Monopoly on Protection

Regarding "France Can't Kick Protectionist Habit" (Business/Finance, Jan. 11) by Reginald Dale: Before accusing France of protection-

ism, the author should perhaps have read the article a few days earlier headlined "U.S. Reduces Imports of China Textiles by Up to 35%" (Jan. 7). That

move by Washington is described in the same article as having "the effect of protecting the U.S. textile industry

from cheap imports. If a "deep-rooted protectionist philosophy indeed exists, it is surely no worse in France than in the United States. A thorough study of effective duties would probably show greater reductions in France over the past 50 years than in the United States.

H. P. BERNARD.

The Filmmakers' Terrain Regarding "This Audiovisual Pie Grows for All" (Opinion, Dec. 21) by Guillermo Jimènez:

In blasting American cinema, Mr. Jimenez seems to forget some of the "chal-lenging and beautiful films" that Americans have made, such as "Gone With the Wind," which was noted for its scenery, costumes and rich dialogue. As a culturally superior French example he cites "Indochine," which was filmed in the American epic style, but which featured dialogue that was far short of the exchanges between Rhett and Scarlet.

Many French commentators, trying to attribute the same exclusive cachet to their filmmaking as is attached to their smaller traditional industries, like winemaking, have armed themselves with a cultural self-righteousness, denouncing American films as trashy and popular, a

threat to their own elite art-film culture. But American films are not about to overshadow hundreds of years of French culture. Nor does the fact that they are produced on a large scale necessarily mean that quality is sacrificed, as

From the Bottom Up As an American living in Paris. I am

dismayed when I read about crime. drugs and the general malaise in my homeland. When I ponder why I, growing up as a young American, managed to avoid the destructive path followed by so many others, I realize that it all has to do with family.

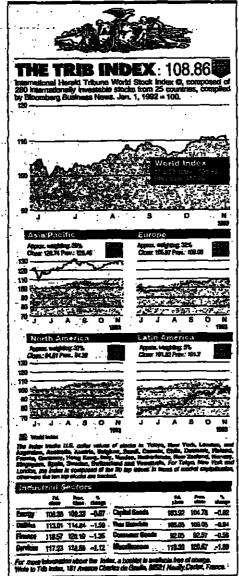
I had the good fortune to have wonderful parents who gave us not just financial but emotional support. I never needed drugs; my happiness came from my family. I now have a wonderful husband and child. This treasure is attainable by anyone; it has nothing to do with money or social status.

So it seems clear that if America is to

rebuild it must begin at its roots.

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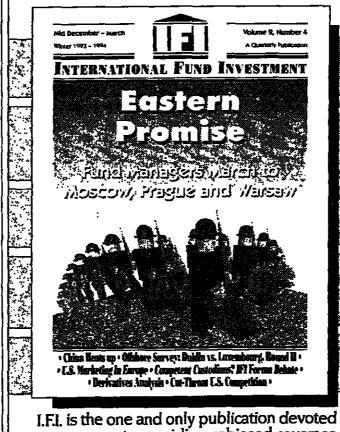
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In "The Interactive Adventures of Seymore Butts," the CD-ROM plays results of the viewer's choices.

Porn on the High-Tech Frontier

By John Tierney New York Times Service

EW YORK - To be linguistically fashionable in Silicon Valley, you must be able to speak knowingly about the "killer app" — the killer application for a new technology, the function that makes a gadget appealing.
A killer app can be something like the spreadsheet software that induced businesses to buy the first desktop computers. It can be something for the home, like the video games that popularized living-room computers. And, as crowds at trade shows have

thing for the libido. The sensation at recent computer expositions has been a new group of booths sur-rounded by black curtains. Inside are hightech peep shows: interactive videos on CD-ROM featuring naked Penthouse models and hard-core porn actresses who respond to commands from a keyboard.

discovered in the past year, it can be some-

The computer industry has professed shock — the X-rated material has been banned from one trade show and from most computer magazines' advertising pages — but in retrospect it seems quite predictable. In the history of communications technol-

ogy, sex seems to be the most enduring killer app. For reasons both obvious and mysterious - explanations variously cite the work of Newton, Freud, and Beavis and Butt-head - sex has had a peculiarly creative impact

Sometimes the erotic has been a force driving technological innovation; virtually always, from Stone Age sculpture to computer bulletin boards, it has been one of the first uses for a new medium.

We want to humanize the products we invent, and sex is so fluid that we can find a use for it in any new situation," said Nicholson Baker, the author of "Vox," a recent novel about telephone sex. "It's hard work adopting a new technology, and we need some sort of compulsion to do it, so I suppose sex serves some purpose there."

The erotic technological impulse dates back at least to some of the earliest works of art, the so-called Venus figurines of women with exaggerated breasts and buttocks, which were made by firing clay 27,000 years ago - 15 millenniums before ceramics technology was used for anything utilitarian like pots.

The oldest known literature, recorded by the Sumerians in cunciform on clay tablets, includes poetry celebrating the sweetness of a woman's lips and vulva.

When Gutenberg's press brought the written word to the masses in the late 1400s, it didn't take long for printers to discover that the masses wanted more than Bibles. A book of erotic engravings depicting lovemaking positions, published in 1524 and suppressed by the pope, inspired a collection of sonnets by the first modern pornographer, an Italian named Aretmo. Successors followed with works like "La Puttana Errante" ("The Er-

rant Prostitute"), in 1531, and a famously innovative book, "L'Ecole des Filles" ("The Girls' School"), published in France in 1655.

One of the first movies, made by Thomas Edison, was a bit of realism called "The Kiss," and a pornographic film industry was thriving by the 1920s. Government regulation kept sex off radio and television air. tion kept sex off radio and television airwaves, but eventually pornographers helped establish new audio and visual technologies for getting into the home.

Now that cable-television and telephone

companies are rushing to link American homes to fiber-optic networks, it is probably worth recalling what happened in the early 1980s when a prototype of the information highway was built in France. The French system, which provided millions of homes with terminals linked to a computer network, is described by Howard Rheingold in his recent book, "The Virtual Community."

The French government hired academics to do all kinds of studies anticipating the wholesome things people would do with the terminals, like check classified ads or railroad schedules," said Rheingold, a journalist based in San Francisco. "To their utter sur-

'Killer app' is only the latest manifestation of sex in the history of

communications technology.

prise, what the French really wanted to do

was talk dirty." Why is the erotic so closely linked to new technologies? The simplest explanation is that sex has always been one of those topics that interested communicating humans. But it is not just another topic.

"Pornography is always unsatisfied," said Walter Kendrick, author of the 1987 book "The Secret Museum: Pornography in Modern Culture" and a professor of English at Fordham University. "It's always a substi-tute for the contact between two bodies, so there's a drive behind it that doesn't exist in

other genres. "Pornographers have been the most inventive and resourceful users of whatever medium comes along because they and their audience have always wanted innovations," he added. "Pornographers are excluded from the mainstream channels, so they look around for something new, and the audience has a desire to try any innovation that gives them greater realism or immediacy."

Another reason for audience enthusiasm has to do with demographics: Men are the chief consumers of pornography, and men are also the main enthusiasts for new communications gadgets.

Is this just a coincidence? The feisty academic Camille Paglia has argued in her book "Sexual Personae" that developments in art and technology are related to the male sex drive: "Phallic aggression and projection are intrinsic to Western conceptualization. Arrow, eye, gun, cinema: the blazing light beam of the movie projector is our modern path of Apollonian transcendence."

If sex is always at the technological frontier, then today's true pioneers of communications are at Interotica, the CD-ROM com-pany responsible for "The Interactive Adventures of Seymore Butts." The compa-ny consists of recent college graduates who work in an office near the Santa Monica beach in California.

"I was hoping to do a title about the Amazon rain forest — something interactive that would enable you to navigate through it as you learned about the ecology," said Lawrence Miller, a founder of Interotica. But as he and his partners wondered how well the rain forest would sell, they realized that there was a more attractive ecological niche to be filled, and their computers have been busy ever since mechanizing sex.

One afternoon, for instance, a computer in one corner of the office was dutifully converting a hard-core pornographic film into digital data for a compact disk. Such digita-lizing makes possible products like the "Sey-more Butts" film, which is shot from the point of view of a narrator wandering around Los Angeles. It begins with him spotting a young woman in shorts. He goes up to her and introduces himself, and then the action stops with her face frozen on the screen. "Geez, she's beautiful," the narrator says. "For the first time in my life, I'm help me out. What should I say?"

The viewer sees a list of choices on the screen: Slink away; Ask her out to dinner; Invite her to join him in a hot tub. If the viewer selects the hot tub, the action resumes with her slapping the camera. If he chooses dinner and makes a series of correct choices later, he is rewarded with sex, seen in explicit detail from the narrator's point of view.

HE basic appeal of these products was probably best expressed by MTV's Butt-head, when he observed to his companion Beavis: "It would be cool if girls just did what you wanted 'em to." It is a philosophy that has offended many women and prompted a few to produce alternatives.

The most visible is Lisa Palac, editor of what is billed as "the only erotic magazine for women and men that combines the two most popular and powerful subjects of our time: sex and technology." The magazine, founded in 1992 in San Francisco, is called

"Mose women," Palac said, "are reacting to computer pomography by saying, 'Oh, great, here's another field that's going to be contaminated by these sexist views of women.' I take the opposite view. The link between sex and new technology is always going to be there, and I think women should get involved. We need to create our own erotic titles that appeal to women."

Kitsch, Salsa and Tequila in Mexico City

By John Brunton

EXICO CITY - Antillanos is salsa, mambo, merengue and rumba. It's tequila and mescal. A showcase for top bands from Cuba, Puerto Rica, Mexico and Colombia. And it's the hottest nightclub in Mexico City Sure, there are mega discos like Magic, and techno-pop bars in the Zona Rosa, but if you have one night out in Mexico City, head for Antillanos.

The music is always live, and the thousand-plus crowd is there with one aim: to dance. The clientele ranges from teenagers to 60-year-olds, and Mexican socialites jostle for floor space with their chauffeurs.

There's no beer, wine or Perrier, just tequila, rum and whiskey, by the bottle, with all the mixers you can drink on the house. With or without a drink, no one can resist the salsa rhythms for long, and no matter how bad a dancer you are, it's impossible to stay in your scat. Three bands play nonstop each night,

and the dance floor is jam-packed from 9:30 P.M. until 3:30 in the morning. Don't expect designer decor - Antillanos

is pure kitsch. The only real door policy is that the tuxedoed bouncer at the entrance searches you for a gun. Although this may sound heavy, it's a wise policy in Mexico City, and one of the main reasons the club is so popular is that there are never fights.

And you thought nostalgia was, like, spontimeous. A press release from a consulting firm called The Nostalgia Brokers tells us about "Rememb Pinball," a New York show of the "never-before-seen Gordon A. Hasse, Jr. collection of pinball art and artifacts." There is also a display of original set designs from "Tommy" on Broadway. These consultants play a mean pinball.

Antillanos is an institution in Mexico City, and even the president turned up one night. The secret of the club's success is uncloubtedly its extrovert owner. Lins Herrera Guitares, a its extrovert owner. Lins Hearera Cintierres, a man devoted to dancing and bringing the top bands to Antillanos. In fact, he almost dances in his seet while he's talking to you. He is a mesmetizing character, with a diamond glinting in his front tooth fingers weighed down with jewel-carausted rings, and a sharp, shiny 1940s suit. He looks 60, but is 78.

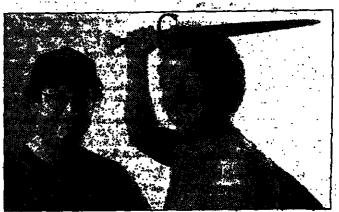
"Salsa," he says authoritatively, "doesn't exist. It's an expression for gingos. What we play here is Afro-Antillano music, which covers everything from mambo and mercague, to

ers everything from mambo and merengue, to bossa hove and rumba."

Dossa nova and rumba."
Antillanos: Francisco Pimentel 18, Colonia
San Rafael. Tel: 592-04-39. Best nights are
Friday and Saturday, when it's worth telephoning to reserve a table. Entry: 40 pesos
(\$13). Drinks: 175 pesos for a bottle of tequila,
rum or whistey. Snacks are served, but not

John Brunton is a free-lance writer and





Kevin Bacon in "The Air Up There," left, and director Adam Resnick with Russ Tamblin from "Cabin Boy."

lany Happy Returns Directed by Toshiro Tenma.

Kazuo, a perfectly ordinary young man, watches one of the many new religious groups in Japan proselytizing. He sees that it is a scam — complete with a fake miracle — and, intrigued, he tags along. When the high priest is fired for believing in his own powers, Kazuo - the most tractable of the group —is made priest in his place. When he, too, begins believing, the controlling thugs move in and it looks like a fight to the finish: the sacred vs. the profane. But it is not, because among the many subtleties of this debut film is that the reality of faith is questioned while its efficacy is not. Any query as to the existence of while the need for something to fill the void is insisted upon, which is why the empty Kazuo ends up believing. Tenma is an assistant to the famous TV

(Beat) Kitano, who wrote the novel upon which the film is based and who gave it to Tenma as a present. The novelist appears in the film as head thug. If this makes the picture a Beat Takeshi film, it is certainly the best one he has yet made.
(Donald Richie, IHT)

Cabin Boy Directed by Adam Resnick.

As Nathaniel Mayweather, Chris Elliott plays a pampered rich kid who accidentally wanders onto a ramshackle ship and becomes a cabin boy. During his adventures, he climbs the side of a mountain to find the seductive Calli, a six-armed vamp with sapphire-blue skin is bound to return, as he puts it, "a cabin man." Elliott has played moronic innocence before — as a 30-year-old paper-boy on the TV series, "Get a Life," and on "Late Night With how many laughs, he can wring out of deadpan idiocy. The hero's tongue in cheek encounter with Calli is one of the few effective scenes in "Cabin Boy," a film as messy as the ship that Mayweather stumbles onto. Elliott and Resnick (the co-creator of "Get a Life" and a former Letterman writer), took Elliott's persona -: the guy, who's arrogant for no reason at all - and tossed him into a sea. of mock adventure movie cli-ches complete with intentional-ly tacky painted backgrounds. But recognizing stereotypes isn't the same as giving them

David Letterman." But there is

a limit to how much charm, and

(Caryn James, NYT) 23

Directed by Paul M. Glaser.

Proof of the utter emotional and intellectual fraudulence of "The Air Up There" -- a putative feel-good dramatic comedy about Africans, basketbell and a white guy's life lessons — comes when its star, Kevin Ba-con, is required to climb the sheer face of a mountain alone, bare-handed, no ropes, wearing sneakers. With a burn knee. We are asked to believe that Bacon's character, a callow college coach named Jimmy Dolan does this as a sacred manhood rite of the Winabi, a fictitious rural East African tribe. We are asked to believe that these prideful, tradition-rooted Afri-rans have beseathed Dolan to become one of them. The story's most sinister conceit is that the villain is a fat, grinning, cor-rupt, urbanized African named Nyaga, who, through scheming and lerrorism, tries to drive the noble Winabi off their land and the movie seems to say, the enemy of the African is his black brother, and it takes a white man to help him gain his self-

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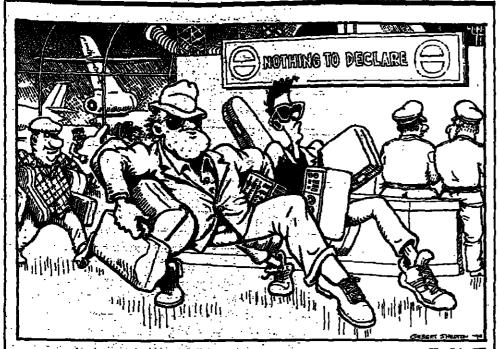
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A Riff on Music Schools

The concept has

the energy remains

By Mike Zwerin International Revald Tribune

OSTON - This is a message in a bottle from a country where there's too much "There." My ternage kid and I are on hold late in the evening in the overheated, smoke-free Logan suport terminal building en route to Paris from L. A., awaiting a connecting flight that took off three hours late from Minneapolis.

He's playing an inaudible "Blues for Alice" on an unplugged electric bass in an empty gatelounge. God Bless Leo Fender.

The Kid wants to be a musician. We had flown Paris-Boston-Miami-L.A. and were now in transit back in Boston, looking at universities that teach contemporary music, which has come to mean jazz, rock, funk, heavy metal, technopop and world

Boston in the late '40s. There are hundreds of schools now. The concept has recently come to Europe — the American School of Modern Music in Par-School of Modern Music in Paris, L'Aula de Minsica in Barcelo - come to Europe, but na — but the energy remains in

The Berkiee student populain America. tion of 2,500 breaks down into 800 guitar players, 500 keyboardists, 500 drummers and 250 bassists, and if you can play lead trumpet or baritone saxophone you're just about guaranteed a full

The school was closed for Christmas. We met with Gary Burton, the dean of curriculum, who played the vibraphone with Stan Getz and Chick Corea and was among the first to cross the line between jazz and rock. He still does 150 gigs a year. jazz to equal segments of jazz, rock and somewhere

It used to be that pop music was just a milder version of jazz," he explained. "The standards were the same. That began to change in the 70s. Rock got its own repertoire and instrumentation. The recording studio itself became an instrument. It's constantly evolving. The students in our school today will be at the peak of their careers in, say, 2020. We're trying to give them the tools to be in the center of the action at that time."

We bought it. It has been called a factory, but most of the graduates end up relating to music somehow and a Berklee degree is a sort of license. We bought the New England Conservatory too. A short walk from Berklee, it is smaller and more classically oriented with a big-ticket faculty (George Russell, Ran Blake) and has the hallowed dignity you'd expect from a New England conservatory. Here I began to realize that these institutes wanted a smart and swinging bicultural student as

much as we wanted them. The University of Miami, of which I am an

alumnus, looks like a country club and has one of the best contemporary music programs (Pat Meth-eny was the first guitar teacher). But the main problem will be to establish the American scholas-tic equivalent of a baccalanreate with honors from a Parisian lycée. Standards differ. And the people

with the answers were on vacation. Once you choose to expatriate from the United States, it's not so easy to get plugged back in. Distance forced us to travel during vacation, a hogrer, and of course all the schools were closed. It was hard to set up; faxes had flowed. You realize that you are living in a crucial inch between the Old and the New Worlds. Funny, you thought you

were expanding the territory.

Somebody said that if you tipped up America. everything loose would slide into Los Angeles. Bob Neuwirth, who is recording a song cycle with John jazz, rock, funk, heavy metal, technopop and world music. The serious teaching of music that is not spent the afternoon buying denims, Reeboks, vitamins, Crest, a Blunt T-shirt and stuff. He pointed

out that 50 years ago the most beautiful women in America sort of slid down there to become movie stars and today their great-granddaughters are everywhere. He was kidding, but it's no joke when you're 18. CalArts, 30 miles up the coast in Valencia, has the sort of laid-

back energy that suits a city in which you learn to take care of business without losing your tan. Suitably founded by Walt Disney but not

Mickey Mouse, it appears to be a place where as long as you can cut it to begin with you are sort of let loose to learn to do your own thing better. Naturally we'll have to buy him a car and a synthesizer and . . . snap out of it. Forget 800 guitar players wanting to be Slash or im Hall, the analysis of altered 11th chords and all

the untamiliar, intumidating prerequisite vocational acronyms. This was a vacation. I was traveling with my 18-year-old son, there was no filter be-tween us. We had checked in and out, revived relationships with distant close family and friends, reserved rental cars, navigated through vaguely remembered cities, been up for important interviews. Each move had been like a roadblock, and the Bottom Line is that neither one of us cracked.

Oh, I almost forgot. On New Year's Eve, we went to a party near Fairfax where we met Lisa Maxwell, who led the female hom section on tour with Guns N' Roses. She went to Berklee. She has a saxophone tattooed on her pelvis. She showed us. We have to board.

We have decided to go for all four schools. We're flying on an airline with the hip-hoppy name WA. The final rampart will be getting through French customs with a four-track mixing table and two bass guitars, including the expensive Martin for which we made an on-the-edge deal with a gung-ho merchandiser on Ventura in The Valley.

AUSTRALIA

Opera House, tel: (2) 250-7777. Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," with Claire Primrose/Maria Poliicina, Heather Begg, Kerry Elizabeth Brown, and Leoncavallo's "Pag-liacci," with Amanda Thane/Olga Savina, Kenneth Collins, Lindsay Gaffney, Feb. 7, 10, 14, 19 and 22.

AUSTRIA

Vienna Kunstforum der Bank Austria, tel: (222) 531-24, open daily. To Feb. 20: "Barock in Neapel." Paintings and sketches of the Neapolitan school of Baroque in the 17th and 18th centuries, including the period between 1707 and 1734 during which the Austrian Habsburgs reigned as viceroys in Naples.

BELGIUM

Brussels
Musée d'Art Ancien, tel: (2) 50832-11, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Feb. 27: "Les XX et La Libre
Esthetique, Cent Ans Apres." Features the works exhibited under the
aegis of the two audacious Belgian
associations between 1884 and
1914. Includes works by Seurat,
Bonnard, Encor, van de Velde and
Khoonft among others.

Bonard, Ersor, van de verde and Khnopfi, among others.
La Monnale, tel: (2) 218-12-11.
Jonathan Harvey's "Inquest of Love." A 1982 opera, directed by David Pountney, conducted by Lional Friend with Barry Banks, Peter Coleman-Wright and Linda McLeod, Jan. 23 (Avenues) 2, 28, 30 Feb. 1, 3 23 (premiere), 25, 28, 30, Feb. 1, 3 and 5.

BRITAIN

Cambridge The Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332-900, closed Mondays. To May 1: "Hiroshige: Snow, Moon and Flow-ers." Three landscape triptychs as well as single-sheet prints, including "Autumn Moon on the Tamagawa."

"Autumn Moon on the Tamagawa."
Glasgow
Scottish Opera, tel: (41) 248-4567.
Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore." Directed by Giles Havergal, conducted by Marco Guidarani/Stephen Clarke, with Paul Charles Clarke, Cheryl Barker, and Stmon Kennlyside. Feb. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

Barbican Art Gallery, tel: (71) 638-4141, open daily. To April 24: "All Human Life: Great Photographs from the Hulton Deutsch Collection." Prints from photographers of the 19th and 20th centuries including 19th and 20th centuries, including Felice Beato, Cecil Beaton, Bill Brandt and Andre Kertesz.

Brandt and Andre Kertesz.
English National Opera, tel: (71)
836-3161. Handel's "Xerxes." Conducted by Ivor Bolton, with Louise Winter, Yvonne Kenny and Christopher Robson. Jan. 19, 21, 26, 28, Feb. 3, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 24.
Royal Festival Hall, tel: (81) 318-1310. To Feb. 6: "Sebastiao Salgado: Workers." A tribute to manual laborers all over the world, Selgado's photographs capture a wide range of workers from the super-care fields of vorkers from the sugar-cane fields of Brazil to the bicycle factories of Shangar to the slaughterhouses of South Dakota.

The Whitworth Art Gallery, tel: (61) 273-4865, closed Sundays. To March 5: "Shadow of the Forest Primts from the Barbizon School." Works by the mid-19th century painters of French landscape, as well as prints by Bonington and Constable, both strong influences on those art-

CANADA

Montreal Musée des Beaux-Arts, tel: (514) 285-2000, closed Mondays. To Jan. 23: "Les Estampes en Couleurs de Mary Cassatl." Inspired by Japanese woodcuts, American artist Mary Cassatt executed a series of color prints

Musée des Beaux-Arts de l'On-tario, tel: (416) 977-0414, closed

Mondays and Tuesdays. To March 6: "Seven Florentine Heads: 15th-Cen-lury Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen." Silverpoint drawings by leading draftsmen of the Renaissance including Fra Angelico, Leonardo da Vinci, Domenico Ghir-landaio and Filippo Lippi.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Pregue
Castle Riding School, tel: (2) 3337-32-32. To March 27: "Recent and Contemporary Czech Painting From the State Galleries' Collections." Focuses on Czech painting from the 1960s up to the present day.

DENMARK

Humlebaek Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, tel: (42) 19-07-19, open daily. Continuing/To March 6: "Claude Monet: Works from 1880 to 1926." Features late figurative paintings of the garden and Japanese bridge at Giverny, as well as Japanese woodcuts which were an important source of inspira-

FRANCE Paris

Bibliothèque Nationale, tel: 47-03-81-10, open daity. To Jan. 30: "Quand la Peinture Etait Dans les Livres." Illuminated menuscripts in France from 1440 to 1520, including works by Jean Fouquet and Barthéle Institut du Monde Arabe, tel: 40-51-

Institut du Monde Arabe, tel: 40-51-38-38, closed Mondays. ContinuIng/To Feb. 28: "Syrie: Memoire et
Civilisation." Art objects covering the
history of Syria from the golden age
of Mari, Ebla and Ugarit in the 3d and
2d milleniums B. C., to the Aramaean, Hellenistic, Byzantine and Islamic
periods, ending with the Ottoman
domination from the 15th to early
20th century. 20th century.

Mona Bismarck Foundation, tel 47-Mona Bismarck Foundation, tel 47-23-38-88, closed Sundays and Mon-days. To Feb. 26: "La Comtesse Mona Bismarck, Balenciaga, Cecil Beaton." Features 50 designs by Ba-lenciaga, Mona Bismarck's tavorite courturier, portraits of the countess by Cecil Region, as well as two paintings. Cecil Beaton, as well as two paintings by Tiepolo which she gave to the Louvre.

Musée-Galerie de la Selta, tel: 45-56-80-17, closed Sundays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 26: "Jean-Michel Bas-quat 1960-1988: Pelnture, Dessin, Ecriture." Works by the American

graffitist. Musée du Louvre, tel; 40-20-51-12, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Feb. 14: "De Khorsabad a Paris: La

Feb. 14: "De Khorsabad a Peris: La Decouverte des Assyriens."
Opéra Bastille, tel: 44-73-13-99.
Zimmermann's "Die Soldaten." Directed by Harry Kupfer, conducted by Bernhard Kontarsky, with Franz Mazura, Lisa Saffer and Milegro Vargas. Jan. 22, 24, 27, 29, 31 and Feb. 2.
Pavillon des Arts, tel: 42-33-82-50, closed Mondays. Continuing/To April 17: "L'Art Populaira Russe."
Icons, primts, textiles, kitchen utensils from the 16th to the 19th centuries.

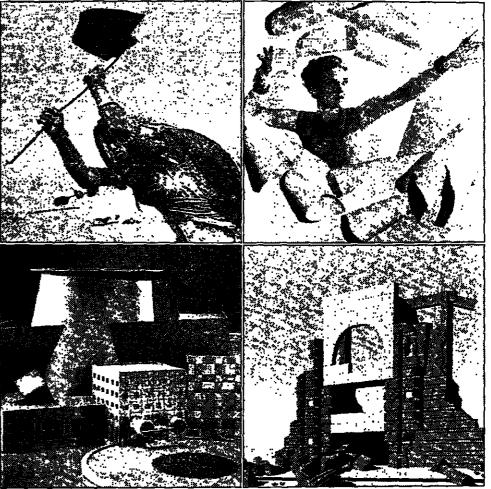
Château de Versailles, tel: 30-84-74-00, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 27: "Versailles et les Tables Royales en Europa du XVIIeme au XIXeme Siecle."

GERMANY

Stasisoper Unter den Linden, tel: (30) 203-544-94. Gluck's "Al-ceste." Directed by Achim Freyer. conducted by Thomas Hengelbrock, with Vinson Cole, Anna Caterina An-tonacci, Philippe Rouillon. Jan. 23, 28, 31, Feb. 9 and 19.

Gustav-Lübcke-Museum, tel: (2381) 17-29-39, closed Mondays Continuing/To Feb. 27: "Agypten Geheimnis der Grabkammern."

ter. tel: (711) 22-17-95. Verdi's "Rigoletto." Directed by Jo-hannes Schaaf, conducted by Ingo Metzmacher, with Gabriel Sade



Salgado photograph in London (top left); Mona Bismarck by Cecil Beaton, in Paris; above, architectural model and silkscreen by Arata Isozaki in New York.

Wolfgang Schone and Catriona Smith. Jan. 20 (premiere), 23, 25, 28, 31, Feb. 10 and 24.

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5756. To Jan. 24: "Mary Ellen Mark: Indian Circus." 50 monochromes focusing on the exotic world of the indian circus.

Von der Heydt-Museum, tel: (202) 563-6231, closed Mondays. To March 20: "Von Cranach bis Monet."

Masterpleces from the Bucharest Na-tional Art Museum, including works by Lucas Cranach, Pieter Brueghel the Younger, Rubens, Van Dyck, Tin-toretto, Murillo and El Greco.

ISRAEL

Tel Aviv Tel Aviv Museum of Art, tel: 972-3-695-7361. To March 12: "Claes Ol-denburg: Multiples and Notebook

ITALY

Teatro Verdi, tel: (55) 239-6242. Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." Conducted by Paolo Olmi, with Rofina Kasarova/Sonia Ganassi, Ferru-cio Furlanetto/Dimitri Kavrakos. Feb. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

Teatro alla Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60.
Protofiev's "L'Angelo di Fuoco." Di-rected by Giancario Cobelli, conduct-ed by Riccardo Chalily with Valery Alexeev, Sergio Bertocchi and Mario Bologness, Jan. 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26

Museo Correr, tel: (41) 52-06-288. Continuing/To April 4: "Pietro Longhi," 50 paintings, 35 drawings and 14 prints by the 18th-century Venetian painter famous for his moni-cal description of Venetian life and

JAPAN

Bridgestone Museum of Art, tel: (3) 3563-0241, closed Mondays. To Jan. 30: "Fujita Tsuguharu." 26 works including Paris landscapes, still tifes and portraits of women by the Paris artist Fujita (1886-1968). Ginza Nikon Salon, tel: (3) 3562UNITED STATES

SINGAPORE

Empress Place Museum, tel: 336-73-33, open daily. Continuing/To July 1994: "War and Ritual: Treasures of the Warring States." An exhibition of Chinese bronze culture from the Warring States period (475-221B. C.).

National Museum, tel: 330-09-71. Continuing/To March 13: "Trading on the Martime Silk Routes." Focuson the maritime star house. Pocus-es on the importance of sea routes in 2000 years of commerce between China, Southeast Asia, West Asia and Europe. Exhibits, which are drawn from museums in Singapore and China as well as private collectors, include ceramics, textiles, stone carv-ings, ship models and samples of

The Menil Collection, tel: (713) The Menii Collection, tel: (713) 525-9400, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To April 2: "Rolywholyover: A Circus." A complex intermedia event by composer John Cage, featuring work by artists whose influence bears on Cage's art, displayed in changing agrangement. displayed in changing arrangements New York

The Brooklyn Museum (tel: 638.5000). To Feb. 27: "Arata Iso-zaki: 1960-90 Architecture," Tribute is paid to the Japanese architect Arata Isozaki's work, and the exhibi-tion includes models, sketches and drawings.

Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 352-5000. A new production of Britten's "Death in Venice." Conducted by David Atherion with Anthony Rolle Johnson and Thomas Allen, Feb. 7 (premiere), 11, 15, 18, 23 and 26.



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BOOKS

SKADDEN:

Power, Money and the Rise of a Legal Empire By Lincoln Caplan. 341 pages.

\$25. Farrar Straws Giroux. Reviewed by Mark London THE great-sucking sound.
you've heard over the past 15

years or so actually emanates from Wall Street and its sidekicks, which have taken some of the finest minds of the baby boomer generation and put them to work playing real-life Monopoly —doing mergers, acquisitions and finance. Are we as a society better for this use of their inarguably prodigious talents? Or have these skills been co-opted by a zero-sum game in which the world as a whole ends up no better off while the players' pockets are fined

with lucre? Lincoln Caplan's "Skadden" visits the counselor to America's corporations in the 1980s: The book is an exploration of the inner workings of America's premier corporate law firm of that golden age, Skadden, Arps, State, Meagher & Flom - an unwieldy name for what is widely known as "Joe Flom's firm." Caplan posits that the Skadden, Arps saga presents the tale of the corporate legal profession's transformation from stodgy, white-skinned, whitehaired, white-shood patriarchies to

rough-and tumble meritocracies. Law, as practiced in these pages, represents sophisticated sport. Skadden's lawyers, Caplan notes, play well in arcane arenas. You have an environmental problem? An antitrust issue? The government coming after you? Skadden, Arps has just the lawyer for you. Perhaps it is because of Skad-

den's success in these efforts that. Caplan's narrative lacks the ten-sion inherent in a story where the mism to prevent Flom from oppos-outcome is in doubt. The story of a mg them in a transaction. giant law firm's nearly minterrupt. But to call him one of the giants

 Daniel Bareaboim, musica and artistic director at the Deutsche Staatsoper in Berlin, is reading "Culture and Imperialism" by Edward Said.

scribe in a readable manner how the Engopeans have arrogantly forced their cultures on others. He deals with problems of colonialis tackles the attitudes of the British in India and the French in Algeria." (Michael Kallenbock, 1HT)

page-turning tales of the white colar warfare of the 1980s.

Caplan, a contributor to The New Yorker, has done his reporting well, and he writes nonjudgmentally, which makes his book instructive for those who want to learn what makes a megalirm tick. He succeeds in illuing the backstage of American business. He captures the frenzy of Skadden's people. They sure do work! Double-digit days for weeks at a time—with 24-hour car service; all-night secretaries, valet service, invesiment advice, personal counseling, all provided by the firm so that there are no distractions from the work at hand. After all, if you are billing someone \$400 an hour. wonkin't you rather have your peo-

the dry cleaners? Flom, who reportedly makes \$5 million a year or more, dominates the book. He covisioned a field where his lawyers could play — the pulling apart and putting together of companies — and proceeded to aggressively claim the field as his. At the zenith of Flom's powers, about 300 companies each paid \$150,000 to his firm for the privilege to say he represented them — not so much because they needed his services but as a defense mecha-

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WHAT THEY BE READING

ed growth cannot compete with of American law, as many of his partners and clients have, is to demean a profession that has produced the likes of Thurgood Marshall or Benjamin Cardozo. What distinguishes many of these fine lawyers such as Florn from the true

different moods depending whether times. His storytelling becomes I'm on offense or defense, and after-ward I look out the window and laugh at myself." Win or lose, in other words, lawyers get paid.

Skadden, Arps used the money to imance the growth of a law firm from a handful of guys to a giant of 1,000 lawyers in offices so scattered that the sun never sets on the firm. Caplan points out that many of the architects of Skadden arrived as outcasts from the marquee firms of New York whose name partners have been dead for more than a century. These lawyers were passed over for partnership at their former employers because they were either Jewish or women or because their first names weren't last names and their last names weren't followed by Roman numerals.

Tossing away tradition has its price. Capian points out, because an giants of law is in their acceptance of price. Caplan points out, because an a role as a hired gun, nothing more. institution whose ties are financial Flom tells a writer, "I have many will be tested in tough financial

more interesting at the end of the book as Skadden wrestles with the throes of the '90s recession - losing its air of invincibility and accepting humble pie as the meal du jour. Caplan's evenhanded narrative of the fate of a young lawyer - who was led to believe he was going to be made a partner then had his hopes dashed only to go through the same agonizing process the following year with a narrowly favorable outcome

poses the question that plagues a

generation coming into middle age: Is it worth it? After hundreds of thousands of dollars of education. years of self-discipline and sacrifice, is it enough reward to say, "I've made partner at Skadden"? And are the rest of us better off by that disposition of energy?

Mark London, a Washington law-yer, wrote this for The Washington

By Alan Truscott T is rare for a player to gain an advantage because his opponent is a world-class player. And it is also rare for a player to make a slightly irregular bid for one reason, and to find it has gained heavi-

ly for a quite different reason. On the diagramed deal both these rarities benefited Zia Mahmood, a colorful Pakistani star who lives in Manhattan. Zia held the East cards, and

heard his partner bid two notrumps, showing length in the minor suits, over the opening one-spade bid. When North bid four pades Zia liked his holding of six high-card points in his partner's suits and ventured five clubs rather the obvious five diamonds. His idea was to direct a club lead, must have six diamonds and five and he was ready to retreat to five diamonds if doubled.

South charged on to six spades, that East held the heart jack, so comforted by the fact that his part-South cashed the heart ace, led to ner was likely to be short in clubs. the spade king, finessed the heart The lead was the club queen, and it nine and went down in the slam. is easy to see that the slam can be made by drawing trumps and throwing a diamond on the fourth round of hearts.

But Zia now benefited from the skill of South, who was Bob Hamman of Dallas, the world's top- \$174 ranked player. He allowed West to o K 10 8 6 2 win the first trick and another club +Q J984 was led to the ace. He then cashed the A-Q of spades and thought about West's distribution. He could hardly have 5-5 in the minors, thought Hamman, because East would have bid five diamonds with greater length in that suit.

Hamman concluded that West

clubs, leaving him with only two hearts. The odds were now 2-to-1

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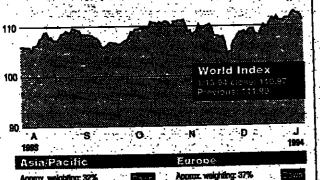
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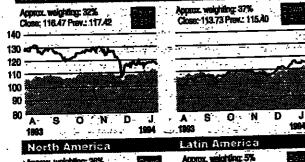
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GTE Sets Plan to Cut 17,000 Jobs

STAMFORD, Connecticut — GTE Corp. said Thursday that it would eliminate 17,000 jobs over the next three years and would take a \$1.2 billion charge against fourth-quarter earnings as a result of the

restructuring.

The largest U.S. local telephone provider said the moves would reduce its work force about 13 percent and save \$1 billion annually GTE employs 162,000 people and has annual revenue of roughly \$20

"The actions announced today are the logical next steps in the strategic program we have under-taken to focus GTE solely on telecommunications and continue to improve our competitive position, Charles Lee, chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Mr. Lee said the plan was aimed at revolutionizing customer service. The company says it serves more than 30 percent of the American population with its 17 million telephone access lines and 52 million mobile cellular lines. It is the country's largest cellular telephone com-pany after McCaw.

The \$1.2 billion after-tax cost of the initiative amounts to \$1.22 a share. The price tag includes as much as \$680 million for modernizing or replacing customer service systems. Consolidation of facilities was expected to cost \$160 million. GTE said the technological im-

ovements introduced would allow it to reduce the number of customer service and regional network centers nationwide from 195

American Patent Medicine IBM Ousts Japanese as Top U.S. Inventors

By John Burgess

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — It is one of many scorecards used to rate the technological prowess of nations: Whose company won the most U.S. patents last year?

To the chagrin of the home team, Japanese com-panies have taken the top spot every year since 1985. Now a much-sullied American player, International Business Machines Corp., has spring into the lead, with 1,088 of the certificates in 1993. And moving into the No. 4 slot was Eastman Kodak Co.

Japanese companies were still strong. Toshiba Corp. was second and Canon Inc. third, according to Plenum Publishing Corp., a New York company that analyzes action and according to the analyzes action and according to the supplier and according to the supplier and according to the supplier according to the supplier and according to the supplier according that analyzes patent awards. Many analysts contend that patent numbers

give a distorted picture of industrial strength. In economic terms, they say, what matters is the value of the creations being protected by the patents, not

But the rising numbers could signal that U.S. companies and laboratories, long the world's hothouse for new ideas in electronics, aviation and other high-tech fields, are getting serious about collecting from those who borrow their work. U.S. companies and government agencies spent nearly \$160 billion on research and development last year.

An IBM vice president, Marshall Phelps, said his company had moved to think commercially and to safeguard anything of value. "In the past we might develop something and leave it on the shelf or decide we didn't want to go through the process." He said it can cost \$15,000 to gain a patent.

Dan Burton, president of the Conneil on Competitiveness, said the numbers suggest that U.S. companies see patents as a strategic weapon. "They're going to make sure it's well-tuned," he said.

U.S. companies' total share of the approximately 110,000 patents granted last year rose as well.

Patents give inventors exclusive rights to manufacture a product, or to collect money from others licensed to make it, for a set period of time, generally 17 years in the United States.

Japanese companies' ascent to the top ranks in U.S. patent awards in the mid-1980s was widely cited as proof that the U.S. technology industry was in deep trouble. By 1989, Japanese companies were winning more than 20,000 U.S. patents a year.

But many were of questionable value. Using practices learned at home. Japanese companies tend to file for multiple patents for different com-ponents of, say, a data storage system, rather than a single larger patent for the whole system. Moreover, U.S. companies often use other means to protect inventions. Patenting means revealing de-tails. In the rapidly changing high-tech industries, inventions are often kept quiet as trade secrets.

Despite such caveats, patent numbers do make a difference, said Clyde V. Prestowitz Jr., president of the Economic Strategy Institute, a private research organization. He is a proponent of taking a search organization. The is a proponent of taking a tough stand against the Japanese on trade issues. "When you go to negotiate a technology deal, it does matter if one guy has 1,000 patents and you have 500—even if the 1,000 are junk and the 500 are good," Mr. Prestowitz said.

Ken Ishihara, vice president of Toshiba of America Inc., said his parent company's fall from the No.
1 slot held in 1991 was not due to a decision to back off. Toshiba continues to "actively and aggressively develop crucial technologies." he said, but also is trying to raise the "quality" of its patents. Canon was No. 1 in 1992.

Kodak executives say their company's rise in the ranks — its patent awards rose by a third in 1993 was due in part to a shift in corporate culture. The company puts engineers through daylong seminars to teach them how to recognize when they have developed something patentable, said an assistant general counsel for Kodak, Slim Webster.

IBM shaved \$1 billion off its research and development budget last year. That would have had little impact on 1993's patents, since approvals generally up to two years. The year to watch for fallout is 1994.

French Banks Reject Plan for Metallgesellschaft

By Jacques Neher and Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

A group of French banks refused Thursday to go along with Deut-sche Bank AG's plan to bail out Metallgesellschaft AG, raising doubts that the German metals conglomerate would be able to avoid a bankruptcy-law filing. The 12 French banks, which to-

gether have an estimated 900 million Deutsche marks (\$517.5 million) of loans outstanding to Metallgesellschaft, sent a letter to Deutsche Bank on Wednesday saying they would not go along with a 3.4 billion DM restructuring plan that German banks had worked out since the company's fragile financial condition became apparent in late December.

The focus shifted to Paris on Thursday, where German and French lenders held an emergency meeting after the only German bank objecting to the plan, Nord-deutsche Landesbank, agreed to accept a revised restructuring package. Representatives of Deutsche Bank and of Dresdner Bank AG went to Paris for talks with French hank executives.

Despite the talks' initial failure, analysts said they expected the French banks, headed by Societé Genérale and Crédit Lyonnais SA, eventually to reach an accord with their German counterparts that would save the industrial and commodities-trading company.

ed in developing their activities in the German market." Stephane Arrouays, analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd in London, said. "I can't imagine that they would risk putting Metaligesellschaft into hankruptcy."

In the proposed rescue plan, the French banks objected to a measure calling for them to transform a substantial part of their loans into shares of unknown value. They also expressed opposition to a plan to reschedule loans, saying they did not have adequate information on the financial condition of the German conglomerate.

"Deutsche Bank and the others are not just lenders but shareholders of reference in Metallgesellschaft, said Michel Thibout, spokesman for Société Générale. "It's their responsibility to step in if new capital needs to be raised, instead of shifting that responsibility onto those of us who are just lenders."

That, in essence, was also the view taken by Norddeutsche Landesbank, a big German creditor that had withheld its support for a restructuring on grounds that large shareholders who are were creditors - especially Deutsche Bank and Dresdier Bank — would have got off too easily. The regional bank reversed itself Wednesday, pledging its support to a modified bailout plan that it said put all creditors "on

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Siemens Adds 15,000 to Job-Cut Target nouncement, to 726 DM. The news ings from the company's core busiannounced after 5,000 last year. Mr. Baumann said SNI will re-

MUNICH - Siemens AG surprised the market Thursday by anuncing plans to shed 15,000 jobs and forcesting a 10 percent to 15

current financial year. Shares in the maker of electronics, electrical goods and telecommunications equipment tumbled 4.8 percent, or 36.50 Deutsche

also sent the overall market down. People were not the least prepared for this kind of news," said Gebhardt Klingenstein, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "Everybody was taken aback."

percent drop in net income in the The Siemens chief financial officer, Karl-Hermann Baumann, said the projected earnings decline was due to the drop in earnings from financial investments as interest marks (\$20.98), following the an-rates come down. Last year, earn-

nesses fell 8 percent but were cushioned by financial earnings of 2.1 billion DM. But operating earnings will not improve much over last year, Mr. Baumann said.

Siemens wants to "significantly improve productivity and cut inno-vation cycles by half," the company president, Heinrich von Pierer, said. As a result, the company expects to shed 15,000 jobs in the current financial year, which ends Sept. 30. By the end of the year, Siemens will

camploy "clearly" less than 390,000 ed with 4 the end of 1993, he said. Last year, Siemens had also announced 10,000 job cuts. Eventually, however, the company slashed

22,000 people off its payroll.

Most of the new cutbacks will again be borne by the troubled computer unit SNI Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG, where 5,000 job cuts were recently

port a loss this financial year, although the deficit would be less than last year. (Bloomberg, AFX)

■ BASF Wage Freeze

BASF AG said Thursday that wages for its upper management employees will not be increased this year, Bloomberg reported from Ludwaigshafen, Germany.

"Wages not covered by union agreements won't be adjusted this year," BASF spokesman Bernd Gerling said. "In other words, they won't be increased."

BASF also said it would stop producing polyester filament at a plant in the United States, resulting in a loss of 450 jobs. A year ago. BASF announced it would sell its polyester chip and filament businesses to concentrate on its core nylon activities, but so far it has been unable to find a buyer.

Tax Fraud Suspected In Dresdner Raid that customers' deposits were

FRANKFURT - German prosecution investigators raided offices of Dresdner Bank AG in Frankfurt and Düsseldorf on Thursday, prompted by suspicion that the bank is helpcustomers evade taxes, a spokesman for the Düsseldorf public prosecutor's office said.

The inquiry began Tuesday but was not publicly disclosed until Thursday, when a report appeared in Kölner Express, the Cologne regional paper, said Jochen Ruhland, spokes-

man for the prosecutor's office. The accusation has been made against Dresdner Bank by

the public prosecutor's office

moved abroad and back in some cases, without this being reflected in their accounts," Mr. Ruhland said. The office suspected that

Dresdner Bank had transferred sums in the millions of Deutsche marks to a Luxembourgbased branch of Dresdner over a period of years, according to

"From our point of view, areas are in question which affect normal and usual payment procedures with foreign banks, said a bank spokesman who declined to be identified.

Dresdner Bank is using "legal means" to fight the inquiry.

Thinking Ahead Plan for Helping Workers Has Flaws

By Reginald Dale J. Herold Triber

ASHINGTON — Like many bad ideas, it sounds deceptively simple. Jobs are moving from high-wage industrial to low-wage developing nations where workers labor

wage terrearche conditions.
That is clearly unfair to both the well-paid and the badly paid workers. So why not tell and the badly paid workers. So why not tell and the badly paid workers. the developing countries to raise their wages and introduce proper Western-style trade unions and labor practices?

Better still, tell them that if they do not, their

exports will not get free access to the rich countries' markets. Then the rich countries' workers would keep their jobs and the poor countries' workers would earn decent was Unfortunately, the world does not work that way. Attempts to make it do so would undermore the world trading system and open a Pandora's box of protectionism. The

whole idea is based on false premises.

But that has not stopped it from gaining ground in the latest recession, particularly in Western Europe and the United States, where

jobs are most at risk.
Elements of such thinking lie behind the European Union's social charter, masterminded by Jacques Delors, the European Commis-sion president, which aims to bring work pase-tices into line throughout the Union. It also is found in the side agreements to the North American Free Trade Agreement negotiated by President Bill Clinton last summer.

Now, backed by France's leaders, Mr. Delors wants to expand the concept to the whole world under a "global social contract." And this week in Brussels, Mr. Clinton seemed to

agree with them. Outlining a new trade agenda, Mr. Clinton

oping countries to be incorporated into the iles of the world trading system, along the ines of NAFTA.

. That is not as new as it might seem. Under pressure from American trade unions, U.S. governments since President Jimmy Carter's have sought something similar, though not

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including wages, in trade negotiations. And particularly since NAFTA, American labor has been working to get a global New Deal

moving again.

The unions say it is immoral for multina-The unions say it is immoral for multinational companies to scour the world for the lowest wages and worst working conditions, evading laber laws built up in the United States and Europe over the past 100 years. Economically, they argue, the switch from high-wage to low-wage jobs means a loss of purchasing power that will sap world growth. But, however superficially appealing they may be, these arguments are full of flaws. Proponents usually forget to mention that

Proponents usually forget to mention that the developing countries, which they are purportedly trying to help, are dead set against the whole idea — rightly regarding it as a threat both to their sovereignty and to their development prospects.

As John Williamson of Washington's Instiinte for International Economics puts it in the latest issue of International Economic

called for tougher labor standards for devel- Insights magazine, "the way that poor countries have a chance to pull themselves up by their bootstraps is precisely by exploiting competitive advantages like cheap labor that look unfair to their rich competitors."

If you take away their ability to compete through low wages, they may never work their ways out of poverty and move upmarket. Rather than shackle the poor countries with new labor rules, the rich countries should be thinking about how to reduce their

Additionally, it is distinctly old-fashioned to say developing countries lack purchasing power, when they are the fastest-growing markets

for American and European exporters.

In any case, many more jobs have been lost in the rich countries as a result of technologim use non communes as a result of tecanological change than from low-wage competition from developing countries. Wage costs are only one of many factors, and often not the most important, in multinationals' invest-

Of course, it is good that the international community should set rules to improve working conditions around the world. This has been done for years in places like the Interna-tional Labor Organization.

But two things are highly dangerous: including wages in the rules and linking the rules to trading access. That would create a protectionists' charter, allowing wholesale discrimination against developing countries. It would destroy the most-favored-nation principles on which the world trading system is based and negate the benefits of open

From his vague remarks in Brussels, it is not clear whether Mr. Clinton is actually proposing either of these two things. For the sake of world prosperity, let us hope he is not

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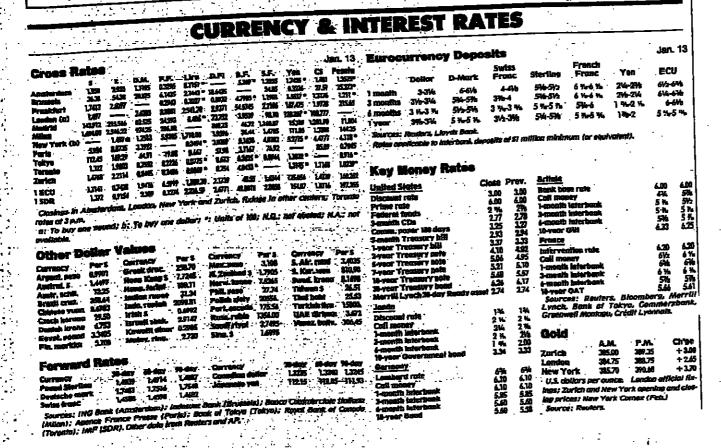
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Dollar Hits 1.75 DM, Setting a 2-Year High

NEW YORK — The dollar rose Thursday to its highest in more than two years against the Deutsche mark, bolstered by news of robust U.S. retail sales in December.

Many traders bought dollars after the Commerce Department said retail sales had jumped a surprising

Foreign Exchange

0.8 percent in December, the latest sign that the three-year-old American economic recovery is still gaining momentum.

At the close, the dollar was quoted at 1.7513 DM, up from 1.7339 DM at Wednesday's close. It also rose to 1.4785 Swiss francs from 1.4635 francs and to 5.9385 French francs from 5.8960, although it slipped to 111.85 year from 112.27 year. The pound eased

to \$1,4970 from \$1,5035. At one point, the dollar traded at 1.7537 DM, its highest since the attempted coup against Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in August 1991.

Dealers said the dollar had fallen

INVEST: Asian Bubble Bursts

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European interest rates by investing in bond or equity funds there. Vivian Lewis, editor of Global Investing, an American newsletter devoted to foreign stocks, carries few Southeast Asia recommenda-

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tions now, except to buy some selected issues on weakness. Bullish long-term, she nevertheless advises subscribers to take profits on some of her best picks, for example by selling half of Thailand's Shinawatra Computer, up a phenomenal 558 percent since she first recom-

mended it at the end of 1991. Small Asian markets — Biryini Associates calculates that volume in Hong Kong last year was only one-fourteenth of Wall Street's thus are learning what it is like to sleep in the same bed as Wall Street's thundering herd. The problem for Wall Street is that no one knows precisely what will be the

"For the present, money is coming home, like all marginal money at the first whiff of trouble, and it has been marginal money that moved these small markets," said William McBride, who follows emerging markets for Lipper Analytical Services, which rates mutual funds. Since the start of the year, he reported, Asian closed-end funds are down 16 percent.

"Managers don't move their money from one country to another," he said. "Most funds will bring their money home, and then they will redeploy it as long as there isn't But Robert Walberg, stock strat-

sold marks and bought yen, a transaction that often requires buying dollars for marks and then selling those dollars for yen.

The dollar has a good head of steam behind it," Steve Flanagan, vice president and proprietary trader at PaineWebber, said. "The U.S. economy looks bright."

Despite Wednesday's news of an unexpectedly low rise in producer prices, the retail-sales figure prompted renewed speculation that the Federal Reserve Board would raise interest rates to stave off the inflation that strong economic growth often brings. The price of gold, which tends to rise with inflationary expectations, gained \$3.70 an ounce, to \$390.60.

"Central-bank intervention kept the dollar from running away," said Albert Soria, foreign exchange manager in New York for the Finnish bank Kansallis Osake Pankki. Traders said the Bundesbank had sold dollars to try to slow the currency's rise. The German central bank would not comment.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

egist for MMS International, said there was "still a flood of money going into emerging markets, but it is just going to different places." He predicts it will go to India, New Zealand and South Africa. The latter two are already up more than two-thirds in a year.

Michael Metz, investment strategist of Oppenheimer & Co., is one of the few who believes that much of the foreign money is coming home "because all those markets are overpriced and so is Wall Street, but it is the least over-

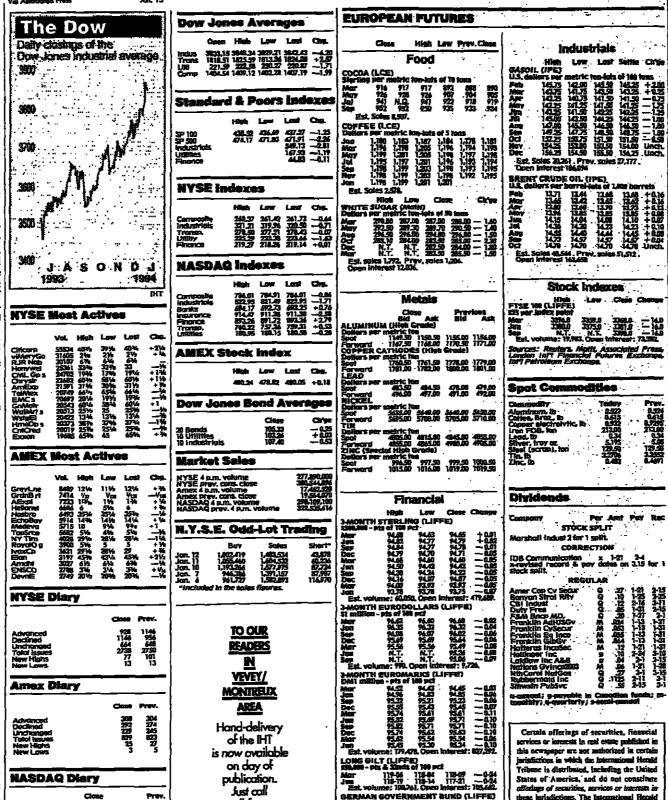
But his prediction is based on a sharp correction, which he believes will pull American markets down, leading bear markets worldwide. The trigger for that would be a sharp rise in interest rates, which he ves is on the way this month.

■ Stock Prices Fall

Stock prices declined Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange as a surge in interest rates and profit warnings from leading companies such as Quaker Oats punctured some investors' confidence, Bloomberg reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.20 points, to 3,842.43. It recouped about two-thirds of its loss earlier in the day. The decline flew in the face of signs of subdued inflation and better-than-expected retail sales for December, traders said. Stock prices also were knocked lower by a slump in Oracle, a lead-ing software maker. Oracle fell 24 to 324 in response to concern

about earnings raised by a Dean Witter Reynolds analyst. Quaker Oats slumped 3% to 66.



Fidelity Investments Hit by SEC Inquiry

for records of trades from Boston-based Fideli-

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Past Service

NEW YORK - The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating personal trading by mutual-fund managers at Fidelity Investments, the world's largest mutual-fund company, sources in Washington have said.
The sources said SEC investigators had asked

ty. The investigation, announced Wednesday, follows an article in The Washington Post saying Fidelity has tightened rules regarding per-sonal trades after the discovery that employees bought stock for personal accounts that rose in price after Fidelity funds also bought shares.

Fidelity had no comment. Barry Barbash, director of the SEC's investment management division, said he could not comment, even about whether there was a spe-

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"In general," he said, "we will be extraordinarily aggressive on these matters. We have to be. The issues surrounding personal trading by fund employees raise questions about the fundamental integrity of the entire mutual-fund

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December CPI Rises 0.2%

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) -- Prices that consumers pay for goods and services rose a modest 0.2 percent in December as falling energy costs held the 1993 inflation rate of 2.7 percent to a seven-year low, the Labor Department announced Thursday.

Also Thursday, the Commerce Department reported retail sales rose 0.8 percent in December and 6.2 percent last year, the best annual gain since a 6.8 percent increase in 1989. Excluding autos, sales rose 12.4 percent in 1993, the strongest annual gain since an 18.9 percent advance in 1984. In a third report, the Labor Department said initial unemployment claims last week fell 1,000, to 354,000. Becommists forecast a drop of 28,000, following last week's revised gain of 62,000.

Morgan Has a Record 4th Quarter

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - J.P. Morgan & Co. reported unexpected record quarterly trading revenues Thursday of \$606 million in the fourth quarter, boosting its income for the period to \$392 million,

or \$1.92 per share.

Analysts had been expecting income of only about \$1.76 a share.

Morgan's annual income rose to \$1.72 billion, up from \$1.13 billion in

Analysts had been expecting most banks to report average to below-average trading revenues for the fourth quarter. "These were awfully strong earnings," said Lawrence Cohn of Paine Webber. "These were just awesome trading results." The trading results included strong results in averaging results and decirate and decirate and a second results in the strong results. emerging-market bonds and derivatives such as interest-rate swaps. Morgan's strong fourth-quarter earnings also included \$107 milion of past-tine interest claims from Argentina. (Reaters, Knight-Ridder)

Paramount Sets Bidding Deadline

NEW YORK (AFP) — Paramount Communications Inc. has drawn the bidding line, setting a Feb. I date for final offers in the heated battle between the rivals QVC Network Inc. and Viacom Inc.

The Paramount board of directors late Wednesday unanimously voted to recommend QVC's offer and rejected a last-minute bid from Viacom that had been strengthened by last week's merger with Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., a video retail chain. Shareholders will select the winning bid independently of the board.

Drug Research Growth Seen Slowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug companies will spend a record \$13.8 billion on research and development this year, but the rate of growth is the smallest since the late 1970s, an industry group said Thursday. At the same time, voluntary price restraints and increased competition have sharply reduced the rate at which drug prices have been climbing the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association said.

The association president, Gerald Mossinghoff, said its 100 member companies — including U.S. companies and American subsidiaries of foreign drug companies — would bolster their research and development budgets by 9.3 percent this year, down from 10.2 percent in 1993.

Quaker Oats Earnings Estimate Cut

CHICAGO (Renters) — An Oppenheimer & Co. food analyst, John O'Neil, said Thursday that he cut earnings estimates for Quaker Oats

Co.'s third quarter to 63 cents a share from 75 cents. A year earlier the company earned 71 cents a share.

Mr. O'Neil said he most likely would lower his estimate for all of the 1994 year, which ends on Ame 30. He lowered his third-quarter estimate, he added, after Quaker Oats announced Thursday that its second-quarter to 200 persons and the 15 persons to 200 persons to 200 persons and the 15 persons to 200 persons to 200 persons and the 15 persons to 200 persons to 200 persons and the 15 persons to 200 person earnings could be 15 percent to 20 percent below last year's 77 cents a

The company attributed the decline to a weak European economy, the negative impact of financing costs in Brazil and reduced foreign-exchange-hedge gains in Europe.

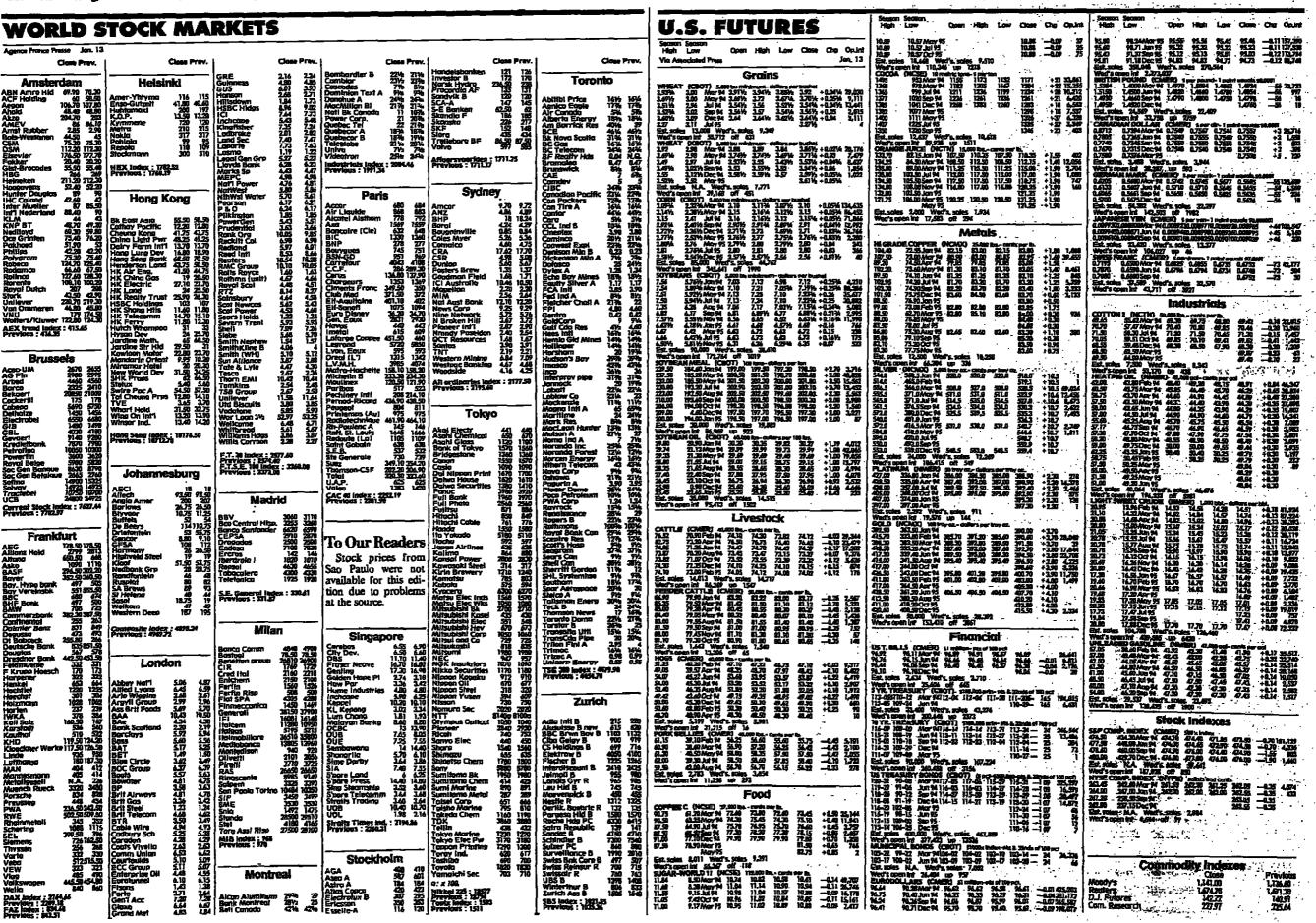
SNET's Connecticut Data Highway

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (Combined Dispatches)—Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. said Timesday that it planned to spend \$4.5 billion over the next 15 years to build an information

The superhighway, called I-SNET, will be an interactive multimedia communications network, the company said. The improved infrastruc-ture is meant to attract businesses and jobs, improve education and enhance health care.

For the Record

Philips Consumer Electronics Co. said that it had been chosen by Bell Atlantic Corp. as a lead Stipplier of intelligent digital terminals for television and information networks to run over telepholic lines. (Bloomberg) Alean Aluminium Ltd. plans to cut 156,000 means to us of aluminum output in the coming two months because of a worldwide oversupply of the metal. (Knight-Ridder)



Citicorp Sells Quotron Unit To Reuters

LONDON - Reuters Holdings PLC said Thursday it would buy the Quotron information service from Citicorp for an undisclosed price. The bank will take a charge related ... to the sale that will cut its earnings sharply in the fourth quarter.

Quotron screens provide realtime quotes, news and analysis on stocks to professional investors and brokers in the United States. Reuters also provides equity informa-tion, but its main strength is in the foreign-exchange, money and capi-tal markets, where its terminals are

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the most widely used worldwide. "Combining Quotron's existing business and Reuters international business means Renters has some from an also-ran into the worldleader with 25 percent of the inter-national equity market," said Alistair Smellie, an analyst with Lehman Brothers. "The transaction represents an excellent deal for Renters."

Citicorp, the largest U.S. banking company, said it would earn \$575 million in the fourth quarter, which ended Dec. 31, after a restructuring charge of \$425 million principally

related to the Quotron sale.

Analysts said the Quotron purchase price was likely to be low. "Citicorp are virtually paying Ren-ters to relieve them of it," said Mr.

Reuters shares rose 26 pence after the amouncement to £18.54 on the London Stock Exchange. In

New York, Citicorp shares were up \$1.375 to \$40 in late trading, reflecting investor satisfaction with the quarterly earnings prospects, despite the Quotron charge.

In the third quarter, Quotron lost \$19 million, bringing its loss for the year to date to \$33 million, compared with \$40 million for 1992. In 1992, the unit lost \$503 million, reflecting \$400 million of restructuring charges.

Estimates for the number of Quotron's equity terminals range from 30,000 to 45,000. Reuters has about 212,000 terminals, but it has less than 10 percent of the market for U.S. equity information, where Quotron is strongest.

Citicoro said it would write down the value of its assets by \$179 million in the fourth quarter as part of Quotron's sale, which remains subject to regulatory approval.

Citicorp has agreed to underwrite some of Quotron's operating costs. Citicorp said the agreement to sell Quotron would not include the unit's foreign-exchange transaction business, serving more than 260 banks worldwide, and its Electronic Broking Services, part of a group of 13 international banks. Reuters dominates this business; with about 94 percent of the world market, while Quotron is a distant second

with about 4 percent, according to Lehman Brothers. (Bloomberg, Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

Moscow's Debt Comes Into Focus An Investment Opportunity for the Strong-Hearted

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service LONDON — For ups and downs and uncertainties about what lies around the next turn, few investments can compare with the roller-coaster ride of trading in the foreign bank debt of the former Soviet Union. Since April 1993, the debt, which is traded on secondary markets, largely by institution-

al investors, has ranged between a low of 15 cents to the dollar and a high of 55 cents early last month, according to traders in London. After nationalist parties made a strong showing in Russian parliamentary elections Dec. 12, the debt dropped to near 40 cents to

the dollar, rose briefly to around 50 cents and has now settled at about 45 cents. ing where it will go from here is no easier than divining the course of Russia's political and economic transformation. The markets have been jittery about develop-ments in Russia. The ruble has fallen 7 percent against the dollar since Jan. 1.

But traders said that for the investor with nerves of steel, the next few months will provide a good opportunity to make a bet on Russia's debt, which has a face value of about

"Russia is one of the few countries that still has a substantial upside," said Nicholas Jor-dan, a trader at Chemical Bank in London. The debt's prospects hinge on a restructuring deal between the Russian government, which has accepted responsibility for the for-mer Soviet Union's external loans, and West-

ern commercial banks. The Soviet Union stopped paying on its commercial bank loans in 1991 after the attempted coup against then-President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The two sides agreed on the outlines of a deal last summer under which repayment would be stretched out but none of the loans forgiven. Completion of the pact has been delayed for months, however, primarily by

For investors with nerves of steel, the next few months will provide a good opportunity to make a bet on Russia's \$24 billion of debt.

the banks' insistence that Russia waive its right to sovereign immunity. leaving it open to being sued for nonpayment or having its assets abroad seized.

The deal calls for a payment of \$500 million in cash against more than \$2.5 billion in overdue interest, with the balance to be paid in notes after a five-year grace period. Principal repayments would be delayed through 1998 and then stretched out over 11 years. The deal's fate now seems to hang on whether the government being assembled by President Boris N. Yeltsin retains its commit-

ment to the terms agreed on last summer or

whether, under pressure from nationalist parties in the Parliament, it backs off.

Analysts and traders said one sign of the deal's prospects would be whether Finance Minister Boris G. Fyodorov, a primary proponent of restructuring the loans rather than

seeking relief from them, keeps his job. At the same time, they said, the commercial banks may have to compromise on issues such as Russia's sovereign immunity to make the deal politically palatable in Russia.

"With the nationalists having made such a strong showing, the banks will have to comse, and the sooner they do it the better," Igor Sitnin, who trades Russian debt for Continental Bank in London, said. "Fyodorov is the finance minister now. Who knows who it will be in three months?" In the worst case, Russia could abandon

the restructuring deal and demand the kind of outright debt forgiveness negotiated by ome Latin American countries in the 1980s. Paul Luke, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell & Co. in London, said that if the restructuring deal failed, the price of Russian debt would fall back to about 30 cents on the dollar. The probability that the deal will fail is about 30 percent, he said, based on experi-

tries debt He said the Russian debt would be worth about 62 cents on the dollar if the restructuring was completed.

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"At current levels it's probably a buy, but only a weak buy, given the risks," be said.

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• Euro Disney SCA's creditor banks are to meet Jan. 26 to receive the company's preliminary audit report, which is being prepared by the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm, a source said in Paris.

 Berisford International PLC, a British food and real estate concern, said Thursday that it had bought the kitchen fittings company Magnet Ltd. for £56 million (\$83.7 million).

 Scandinavian Airlines System said in Stockholm on Thursday that it had signed an agreement with pilots' organizations, valid until October, FLIGHT: Money Flees Russia at Increasing Pace, Complicating Reforms providing for no pay increase and savings of 80 million kronor (\$9.8 million) in 1993 productivity payments, which the pilots agreed to forgo. • TSB Group, the British bank, made a pretax profit of £301 million (\$451 million) for the year ending in October, up from £5 million a year earlier. • Rank Organization, the British film and hotels concern, increased

pretax annual profits to £276.6 million in the year to October, from £125.8 million a year earlier.

Western Germany reported retail sales in November worth as much as in November 1992, which represented a decline of 1.5 percent in real terms, according to the federal statistical office.

Countries in CFA Zone Seek to Limit Price Rises

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast -Countries in the African franc put some of the prices up yesterzone moved Thursday to try to limit price increases after this week's 50 percent devaluation a branch manager said, of their currency. France and the International

of their currency.

Ivory Coast, which has the zone's strongest economy, apnounced a three-month freeze on prices of 34 goods and setvices Wednesday night, one day after the devaluation and after some shops had already raised prices by 60 percent or more. In Abidian, the business capi-tal, supermarkets were rolling

items. "It's very confusing: We day, and we're having to bring them down again this morning,"

Monetary Fund, which forced the devaluation on the 14 nations Toesday, arguing that their currency was overvalued, have promised to help countries of the Communanté Financière Africame finance basic imports and handle their foreign debt problems. The CFA franc's value was halved, to 1 French centime.

Clinton is orging the Russian president to proceed with more economic reform to obtain faster delivery

But economists and bankers close to Moscow say the capital flight phenomenon, a symptom of political and economic instability in Russia, poses several threats to President Boris N. Yeltsin's already-fragile reform program:

 It damages the ability of Russia to service its \$85 billion external debt burden.

 It alarms Western aid givers, like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, who fear that some of the billions of dollars stated for Moscow could end up in foreign bank accounts. It is starving Russia of pre-

cious foreign-exchange earnings needed to modernize industry and increase productive capacity.

Members of the Paris Club group of Western creditor nations.

who last year agreed to reschedule. A senior French banking execuextremist politician. President Bill \$15 billion of Russian debt, are tive with first-hand knowledge of preparing to reschedule an addi- the Russian economy said the tional \$1 billion to \$2 billion of problem of flight capital was worpayments falling due in the first rying. "There is no doubt that we four months of 1994, according to American and European government officials. A decision to do so companies are keeping more funds could come as early as next week. in foreign banks, and we are talking

> As capital flight persists, however, and Russia's reform policies are affected by domestic political squabbling, some American offi-cials are saying in private that they now consider it only a question of time before it becomes necessary to eek a more comprehensive debtrelief plan for Russia.

> An official at the International Monetary Fund said the Russian capital outflow was reminiscent o "Latin America in the old days." Alexei Mozhin, Russia's alternate director at the IMF, admitted

that unless Western aid was tied to convincing reform programs much of the money "could be wasted and very quickly transferred to foreign

Three Western businessmen involved in handling Russian commodity exports, whose revenues make up the bulk of the capital flight, described the problem, but declined to be quoted by name. One of them, the head of Moscow operations for a European metals trading company, said that in making purchases he and his colleagues were being "forced to effect certain payments to a lot of small two-cent

about many billions of dollars."

front companies owned by Russians and registered in places such as the British Virgin Islands and the Channel Islands." The bank accounts for these

practice "boggles the mind,"

This businessman said that although some of the dollar revenues were being kept outside of Russia for legitimate purposes, large sums are simply being squirreled away on behalf of Russian managers.

Next Tuesday, officials from the aluminum producing countries of the United States, Russia, the European Union, Norway, Canada and Australia will hold their third meeting since October to seek a way of lowering Russian exports, which increased fourfold since 1990, to 1.6 million tons last year. An aluminum glut, caused mainly by the surge in Russian exports, has nearly halved the price for aluminum since 1989, to about 50 cents a

One American official warned that some U.S. aluminum companies might bring anti-dumping lawfront companies are generally in cannot be reached next week in Zurich or Geneva, he said, adding Brussels.

Bad Times Roll for Swatch

ZURICH - Société Microélec-

tronique et d'Horlogerie SA, the maker of Swatch wristwatches, is beginning to lose the confidence of its investors, fund managers and

An unfulfilled vow to announce a partner for its ambitious Swatchmobile auto project has triggered an 11 percent plunge in the stock

its 1993 earnings would be well below earlier forecasts. Mr. Geiser said his company's Christmas sales had been lower

than expected. He refused to give a new 1993 profit forecast. Analysts had been expecting growth of 25 percent or more, based largely on statements from Nicolas Hayek, the company chairman, indicating last summer that 1993 profits would be "substantially higher suits against Russia if agreement price since Jan. 1. Now there is than the record 413 million Swiss more bad news. The watchmaker's francs (\$282 million) in 1992, up 64 finance director, Edgar Geiser, said percent from a year earlier.

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Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1994 METALL: French Banks Object to Proposed Bailout Plan for Company CHAILEACH CHAINE IN THE MAN THE CHAINE THE CHAINE STATE OF THE STATE O

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the same footing." Metallgesells-chaft, which disclosed major, unexpected losses last month including some on trades in the oil market in the United States, owes an estimated 235 million DM to Société Générale, 246 million DM to Crédit Lyonnais and BNP declined to comment on the negotiations.

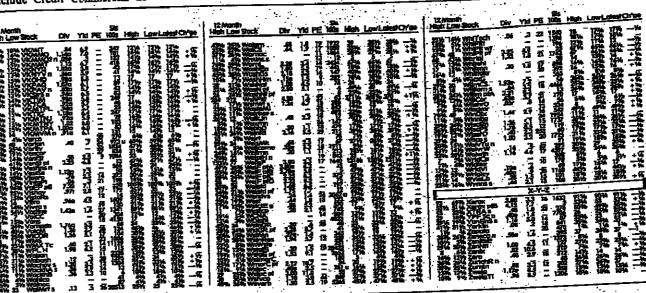
Metallgesellschaft, meanwhile, said it remained "optimistic" that an accord would be reached in time to prevent insolvency. It tentatively scheduled an extraordinary share holders' meeting for Feb. 24 to approve the restructuring package. The company said it did not expect.

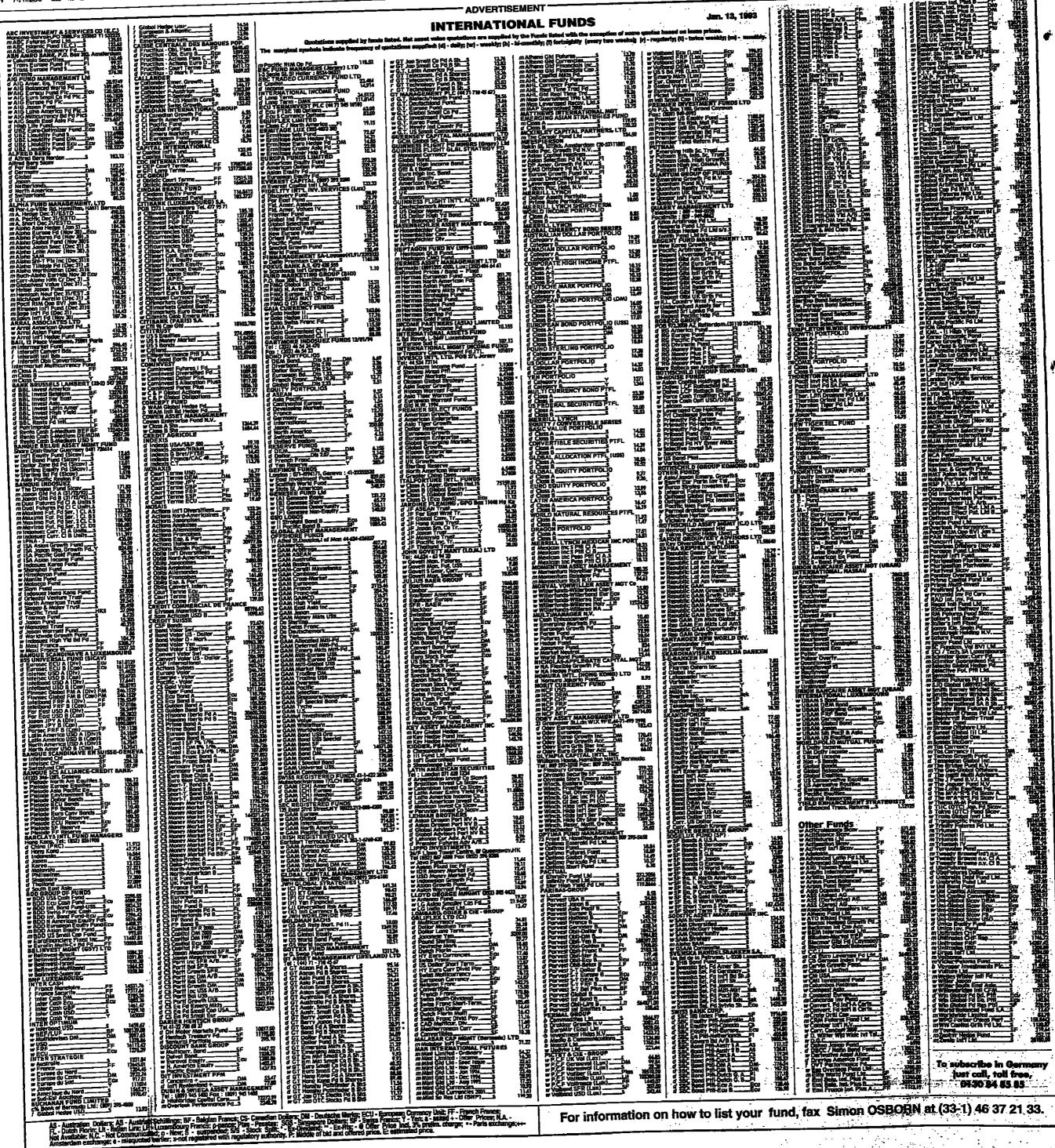
France, Banque Nationale de Paris a resolution to be announced be announced by Altogether, Metallgestellschaft owed 120 institutions worldwide fore Saturday.

Crédit Lyonnais and BNP de Trading in the company's shares Dentsche Bank and Dresdner Bank extended the company 1.5 billion DM in emergency credits in December after it disclosed a pretax

loss of 1.8 billion DM. A conglomerate of 250 companies in mining trading environmental engineering and financial services.

Metallgestellschaft is Germany's 14th-largest industrial company.





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Japan Annoyed By U.S. Threat Of Sanctions

TOKYO — The government's. top spokesman expressed dismay Thursday over talk that the U.S. may invoke its so-called Super 361 trade sanctions against Japan

We want the U.S. to act cautiously by all means," said Masayo-shi Takemura, chief cabinet secretary for Prime Minister Moribiro

Under Super 301; which is named for a section of a trade law enacted in 1988, the U.S. trade representative can take retaliatory steps such as tariffs and quotas against countries that fail to reduce barriers to American goods.

Mr. Takemura's comments came a day after Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said in Washington that "all options," including the sanctions of Super 301, were open in the attempt to gain access to the Japanese market.

No major progress has been re-ported in the trade talks now under way between Japan and the United States. U.S. officials had hoped the talks would be largely completed by Feb. 11, when President Bill Charles is to meet with Mr. Ho-

sokawa in Washington. The talks are part of a "framework" agreement reached in July 1993 in which the two nations pledged to set "objective criteria" for measuring progress in reducing

International Trade and Industry, meanwhile, said Japan had "absolutely no intention" of negotiating issues that had been settled in the Uruguay Round of global trade talks that were concluded Dec. 15.

U.S. and European officials had agreed to press Japan to improve its offer of market access for copper, wood, leather shoes and finan-

But the Japanese official said that Tokyo wanted to "make it very clear" that those negotiations had ended. "We have absolutely no intention to further negotiate issues

in the Uruguay Round," he said.
(AP, AFP) ■ Auto-Parts Pact in Doubt With Japan's economy slump ing Japanese automakers doubt they can fulfill their pledge to buy \$19 billion of American auto parts in the year that begins April 1, news

agencies reported. Washington, which views the promise as firm, has begun to press Tokyo to make similar pledges for succeeding years. Japan, however, says the amount was merely a vol-

said it would move all production of its Sentra model to the United States beginning with the 1995

China's Acquisitive Powerhouse

Guangdong Investment Eschews Targets Abroad

HONG KONG - With interests in every-

thing from brewing to tourism to real estate development in China, Guangdong Investment Ltd. is in many ways the ultimate redicip stock, an investment with growth potential and moderate risk.

Controlled by the government of China's booming Guangdong Province and listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange, the investment holding company has been on an acquired

ment holding company has been on an acqui-sition tear since 1986. Its strategy of targeting investments in promising Chinese companies has proven hurative. Company sales have jumped 13-fold, to 1-3 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$166.7 million) since 1992, while profit advances 11-fold, to 160.2 million Hong Kong dollars.

to 160.2 million Hong Kong dollars.
Small wonder that analysts say Guangdong Investment is a China play worth watching. In 1993, its share price rose 180 percent, outperforming the Hang Seng index of 33 elite com-panies, which gained about 150 percent. The stock ended Wednesday at 4.55 dollars, down "It's a highly potential candidate to put in the Hang Seng index," said Ben Kwong, head of research at G.K. Goh Securities. "Other red chips are just shell companies without the earnings base of Guangdong Investment."

Such enthusiasm owes much to the fact that

Guangdong Province, where 60 percent of the company's investments are based, is enjoying explosive growth. While the rest of China is growing at about 13 percent. Guangdong. which neighbors Hong Kong, is growing at

about 20 percent a year.

"China's development is the quickest in the world and Guangdong is the fastest-growing province in China," said Hou Deyou, company executive director. "That's our strong point. We're not afraid of other China com-

panies listing. We're a better investment."
Guangdong's income levels are closer to nearby Hong Kong levels than to those of neighboring provinces. Additionally, with Beijing a long way away, the central govern-ment has been unable to meddle much in the

province's economic affairs. Another edge is that Guangdong Invest-

ments back into the mainland, rather than venturing overseas as has China International Trust & Investment Corp., the central government's investment agency, "Guang-dong Investment is more of a China play than CTTC because it reinvests most of its profits into China while CTTC is in Hong Kong," said Joanne Wong, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities.

According to Mr. Hou, part of the company's success is tied to a strategy of spreading investments over five key areas of development to reduce the risk that any single business might undercut the company's earnings.

That offers a big edge over other listed China companies, whose revenue base is tethered to one or two main businesses, according

The key to the company's growth is Guangdong Enterprises, a parent company that is directly controlled by the Guangdong provincial government. It maps out what Chinese companies are investment-worthy.

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Seoul Streamlines Industry

SEOUL -South Korea's top 30 conglomerates outlined their main activities ahead of a Tuesday deadline set by the government to en-

says the amount was merely a voluntary target.

Separately. Nissan Motor Co.
Japan's second-largest automaker, conglomerates, whose activities sprawl over unrelated areas, should

(Reuters, AP) chaebol to improve their global

competitiveness," a Trade Ministry official said, using the Korean word for the conglomerates.

Executives of Daewoo Group, one of the top five chaebol, said it had chosen cars, shipbuilding and heavy machinery, and distribution as its core business sectors.

The top 10 chaebol were told to select up to three industries; the "This aims to pave the way for 11th to 30th were urged to concen-

Very briefly:

Mahathir Mohamad said.

• Japanese beer consumption fell last year for the first time in nine years. due to a cold summer and recession. Consumption was down 1.8 percent. Malaysia will build two theme parks, costing a total of 2.3 billion ringgit (\$920 million), in northern Kedah state to boost tourism, Prime Minister

 Japan Securities Dealers Association said foreign investors were the most active buyers of Japanese government and corporate bonds in 1993, with net purchases of 9.998 trillion yen (\$89 billion), according to a report by the Kyodo news agency.

• Sharp Corp. will invest 53 billion yen to build a new liquid-crystal display plant, which is expected to more than triple its capacity by 1995. The plant will have a monthly capacity of 150,000 units.

Industri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara, Indonesia's state-run aircraft maker, plans a 500 billion rupiah (\$250 million) expansion at its Bandung factory. The company has 170 options and orders for its new mediumhaul commuter plane, the 70-seal N-250.

Australia's jobless rate fell to 10.7 percent in December from 11.1 percent the previous month, prompting economists to predict the worst days of unemployment were over.

 China plans to invest 53.6 billion yuan (\$6.16 billion) in its postal service and telecommunications this year, an increase of 34 percent on 1993, said Wu Jichuan, the Post and Telecommunications minister, who was quoted by the official China Daily.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Notes, notice is hereby given that for the six months interest period from January 13, 1994 to July 13, 1994 the Notes will carry an interest Rate of 3.625% per annum. The interest payable on the relevant interest payment date, July 13, 1994 against Coupon No. 18 will be U.S. \$1,822.57 and U.S. \$182.26 respectively for Notes in denominations of U.S. \$100.000 and U.S. \$10,000. By: The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.

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NOTE TO SHAREHOLDERS

amend the frequency of the net asset value determination per share of co-proprietorship from a daily to a weekly basis, as at 14th February, 1994. The net asset value per share will be determined, according to the prospectus on the first banking

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS The Shareholders of CARTMORE JAPAN WARRANT FUND are

hereby convened to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the registered office of the Company on February 4, 1994 at 11:30 a.m. with the following Agenda:

1. Reports of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and

2. Approval of the Statement of Net Assets as at

4. Discharge of the Directors and the Independent Auditor in respect of the Carrying out of their duties during the financial year cuded September 30, 1998.

5. Re-election of the Directors to serve until the next

Re-election of the Independent Auditor to serve until the next Annual General Meeting in 1995.

Decisions on the above items require no quorum and may be

The holders of hearer shares should deposit their chares at least five clear days in advance of the meeting at Banque Indosucz Luxembourg, 39, Allée Scheffer, L-2520 Luxembourg, Grand

passed by a simple majority of the votes present or represented.

September 30, 1993, and the Statement of Operations for the Year ended September 80, 1993.

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Arrangements have been made whereby holders of all Long Term Units - USS Portfolio in issue at 31st January, 1994 may reinvest the dividend paid at that date in additional units at a purchase price could to the Basic Net Asset Value per Unit at 31st January, 1994 (as an indication, the Basic Net Asset Value per Unit was US\$33.17 on 10th January, 1994). This right will be terminated at the close of business on 28th February, 1994. Long Term Unit holders who desire to reinvest their dividend should advise the Manager or Paying Agent accordingly when presenting their Coupons for payment

> EBC Fund Managers (Jersey) Limited Manager

By order of the Board of Directors. Dated 14th January, 1994

^{Pag} SPORTS

All Eyes on the Basketball Court As Threat of Black Boycott Grows

By Malcolm Moran

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Ten years after the establishment of the Presidents Commission, a 44-mem-ber body that has worked to put the control of college athletics in the hands of chief executive officers of universities, the hardened positions of presidents and coaches have reached the breaking point.

As presidents have become determined to contain costs, improve embarrassingly low graduation rates and create a sense of integrity in athletic departments, coaches who recruit in the inner cities have voiced the need for a commitment to the current generation.

The result, to be played out this weekend with the emotional backdrop of the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday and the national holiday on Monday, is a threat by black coaches to lead a boycott of men's basketball games. It is potentially the most damaging confrontation in a continuing struggle over the way major college athletic programs are

The dispute flared this week at the 88th National Collegiate Athletic Association convention with the defeat of a proposal to restore one of two men's basketball scholarships that had been lost as part of a cost-cutting agenda established by university presidents.

vote, and the defeat set in motion a fervent effort led by influential black basketball coaches like John Thompson of Georgetown, John Chaney of Temple and George Raveling of Southern California.

Coaches and players who had been working toward conference championships or spots in the NCAA tournament swiftly became candidates for acts of social activism by the disruption of games.

When Raveling was asked how the issue of a single scholarship had created such a struggle, he responded with a question of his own, about the impact that Rosa Parks had on the civil-rights movement in

Why did it take a black woman to decide one day she was too tired to walk to the back of the bus?" Raveling said. "So she sat down in the front. There had to be far more relevant issues sparking that movement. It was just a little thing, but it led to something big."

"The core of all of this," Raveling added, "is a lack of trust and Members of the Black Coaches

Association have not revealed the begin their action by singling out nine games this weekend in an ac-

An intense debate preceded the cancellation of games. Rudy Wash-rector at the University of Kansas, one, and the defeat set in motion a ingron, the coach at Drake Univerwho estimated that a canceled sity and the organization's execu-tive director, said through a \$150,000 in gate receipts, plus lost representative that the group television revenue that would be planned to issue a statement on calculated and returned by the of-

Friday.
[Washington told The Associated Press that a boycott was likely. would involve players as well as coaches and could conceivably last the rest of the season.

[Washington would not comment further, but asked if the effort was going as well as he had expect-ed, replied, "Better."] of Frederick's staff. Cedric Demosey,

Athletic department administrafor several years have operated un-der the increasing stress of deficits, were suddenly faced with the possible loss of income in the event that games are canceled. Jim Delany, the Big Ten conference commissioner, said schools whose teams were involved in canceled games would have their share of television. revenue from that game deducted from the total the universities would receive from the conference

office.
All 33 Division I conference possible form or extent of their a telephone conference call to creprotest, but they are expected to ate a uniform response to potential

"It's a different kind of issue tion that may involve both coaches than we've ever dealt with before," and players and could result in the said Bob Frederick, the athletic di-

fice of the Big Eight Conference.

Frederick's surprise that the scholarship issue had become a flash point was an indication of how quickly the issue had developed Marian Washington the president of the Black Coaches Association, is the coach of the womto drum up support for a boycott en's team at Kansas and a member

Cedric Demosey, the NCAA executive director who inherited the tors and conference officials, who conflict in his first week on the job, said he had spoken again Wedn day with a representative of the coaches group, but that no further discussions were planned and no changes on the scholarship issue were possible until the 1995 con-

Although supporters of the in-crease in scholarships centered their appeal on the ground that a disproportionate number of minority and disadvantaged recruits would be adversely affected, other issues, including financial considcommissioners planned to conduct erations and the attempt to gain a competitive advantage, became Of the nine schools in the Mid-

Eastern Athletic Conference, a collection of historically black universities, four - Delaware State. Morgan State, North Carolina A & T and South Carolina State abstained from the voting. Three schools in the historically black Southwestern Athletic Conference - Alabama State, Prairie View A & M and Texas Southern --- vot-

Several schools with teams led by prominent black coaches, including Minnesota, Temple, Air Force and Southern California, voted against the proposal or abstained. Athletic administrators from several other schools that voted in favor of adding the scholarship were outspoken in their disapproval of any boycott.

Among the critics of a boycott were Drake's athletic director. Lynn King, where Washington be-gan this season with a three-year record of 28-56. Several other athletic directors, before leaving here after the conclusion of the convention late Tuesday afternoon, pri-vately acknowledged that they had reminded coaches on their staffs that they are employed by a university, not an association of coaches.

The most uncertain aspect of the anticipated protest, however, was the involvement of athletes. Jalen Rose of Michigan, who became a leader of the Wolverines after the departure of Chris Webber to the National Basketball Association,

"I think we need that scholarship, for the simple fact that's 300 kids a year that's not going to college," Rose said. "I know if I didn't get a scholarship, my mom didn't have the money to send me to coldropped its 48th in a row, a 95-73 lege. I have to think about the people who are in that predicament now. As far as boycotting, I have to turas Karnishovas scored the lest "I don't like it." said the losers' now. As far as boycotting, I have to 18 points for Seton Hall (8-4, 1-3 coach, Greg Ackles. "I wouldn't get more details, because that's a very big move, very big."



Charles Krapa/The Associated Pros The Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon cut off Rick Fox as the Celtics lost a sixth straight in Boston.

Jordan Sets His Sights On Chisox

CHICAGO - Michael Jordan says he is serious about wanting to play baseball for the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Tribune

reported Thursday. "I want to go to spring training for one reason, and that's to make the team." Jordan told the newspaper. "This is no fantasy. I plan to be in Secretar by and Enhancer."

in Sarasota by mid-February.
"If the White Sox were to tell me that they didn't think I was good enough to make the team, and that they don't want me at spring training, then I would accept their wishes and not go."

Jordan also said he thought the White Sox would select him for the team. He has not played organized baseball since he was a teenager in Wilmington, North Carolina.

"I'm not out there sweating for three hours every day just to find out what it feels like to sweat," he said of his workouts at Comiskey Park.

Jordan, who retired from the Chicago Bulls on Oct. 6, added: "I'm serious. My father thought I could be a major-league baseball player, and I'm sure that right now he can see me trying. He's watching every move that I make."

Jordan's father, James, was murdered last Angust.
When he retired from basketball,

Jordan said he wanted more time with his family. But he noted that baseball teams often spend four or live days in one city.

"It's not like the NBA, where you'd fly out after every game," he said. "I'd like to take my wife and children with me on the road."

"There were certain things I was thinking when I retired that I didn't want to express to anyone. I know this will put me back in front of people. But I hope they'll be looking at me in a different light."

Georgia Tech Routs North Carolina On Night of Long Knives in Top 25

It was not a good night to be on

Eleven of the top 25-ranked teams in were in action Wednesday night, and five lost. And none of the defeats was more surprising than No. 1 North Carolina's 20-

point loss at Georgia Tech.
The 17th-ranked Yellow Jackets, who got 27 points from Travis Best, crushed North Carolina, 89-69. It was Tech's second victory in a

row over the Tar Heels when they were ranked No. I, the other coming in the final of last year's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. Tech also beat Duke, 80-79, a year ago when the Blue Devils were ranked No. 1.

"We gave one of the finest performances I've seen since I've been coaching here," Tech's Bobby Cremins said after his 250th victory at the school and 350th overall in 19

just the coach talking. I think anyone who saw the game would say that. Maybe they're better than we are every night, but I hope not." Best scored 10 of his points in the conference home opener for the final 2:45, eight on free throws, as the Yellow Jackets (10-3, 1-2

ACC), who never trailed, snapped

Carolina's 10-game winning streak.

The Tar Heels dropped to 12-2 and Tech also got 22 points from deficit to 68-64 with 3:55 to play. Montross led the Tar Heels with

No. 8 Kentucky 98, Mississippi 64: Walter McCarty, a sophomore forward, got off to a great first start, making five of his first six shots as Kentucky (12-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) jumped out to

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

a big lead and coasted. Visiting Mississippi (5-6, 0-3) lost its fifth

straight.
No. 9 Purdue 9, Michigan State 77: The Boilermakers (14-0, 2-0 Big Ten) used a 15-2 run to break a late tie at home. Glenn Robinson, the points per game, started the run with a free throw and finished with

the Gophers (11-3, 2-0 Big Ten) beat a higher-ranked team in their sixth straight season. Michael Finley scored 15 points for the Badgers

Seton Hall 61, No. 20 Boston College 53: Bryan Caver and Ar- College. Big East), which won in East Ruth-

last 3:10 when the Jackets took control after Eric Montross's jump only 20 of 60 shots from the field, hook for North Carolina closed the Boston College (10-4, 2-2) made

only 18 of 46. No. 22 Alabama-Birmingham 88, Sacramento State 46: Robert Shannon's 19 points led five UAB players in double figures as the host Blazers (12-1) won their 10th straight. Sacramento State (1-13) has lost 40 straight road games. Alabama 73, No. 24 Vanderbilt

67: Jamai Faulkner scored 21 points as Alabama, at home, posted its second surprising victory in the past week. The Crimson Tide (5-5, 2-1 SEC) upset then-No. 1 Arkansas, 66-64, last week. Ronnie McMahan scored 23 points to lead Vandy (8-4, 1-2). Notre Dame 77, No. 25 Missouri

73: Ryan Hoover sank five 3-pointnation's scoring leader at 29.5 ers and scored 25 points, all in the second half, as the host Fighting Irish (5-7) beat a ranked opponent years of coaching.
"Tech played a tremendous game." said North Carolina's coach, Dean Smith. "That's not "That's n

had a team-record 16 assists and Voshon Lenard scored 23 points as the Gophers (11-3, 2-0 Big Ten) shook off a bad first half to hand Dayton (4-8) its fifth straight loss. Rutgers-Camden broke the NCAA men's basketball record for the most consecutive losses when it

> loss to visiting Richard Stockton "I don't like it." said the losers' wish it on my worst enemy."

The Celtics Run Out of Luck at Home Maybe the old building has used up all its victories. More likely,

however, the Boston Celtics are short on skill. In eight of Larry Bird's 13 seasons, the Celtics lost six or fewer home games. In the last 29 days, they have lost six straight in Boston

Garden, tying a 45-year-old club record that could be broken Friday night against the Los Angeles Clip-The fact that the Houston Rockets' 94-84 triumph on Wednesday night was their first at the Garden in 12 years and broke a 14-game dominant the Celtics once were on

the splintered parquet floor. In a matchup of great and once-great centers, Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon tied his season high with 37 points. Boston's Robert Parish, the 12th-leading scorer in National Basketball Association history, did not get a point in 27 minutes.
"I think the leprechann has tak-

en the year off," Boston's Xavier McDaniel said of the Celtics' goodluck symbol.

More important, people are missing. Bird retired after the 1991-92 season. Kevin McHale retired after last season. Reggie Lewis died

The Celtics got off to a 6-2 start this season, but are 7-20 since then after winning just two of their last It did not help that they had to

of a heart ailment last July.

play one of the league's best teams.

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

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Timberwolves 103, Mavericks 85: Dallas, which beat Minnesota twice for its only victories in 32 games this season, tied an NBA record with its 16th consecutive home loss. Isiah Rider and Doug West scored 23 points for the Tim-

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Warriors 100, Heat 92: Chris Webber of Golden State spent the end of the third quarter treating a sore back, then scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth period against Hawks 92, Bulls 81: Atlanta beat

Chicago for the first time in seven meetings and extended its Central Division lead over the Bulls to three games as Dominique Wilkins had 19 points and 10 rebounds.

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Cavaliers 118, Magic 109: Gerald Wilkins scored seven of his season-high 38 points in the final 1:15

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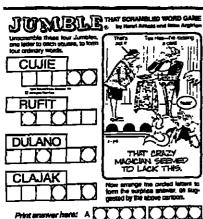
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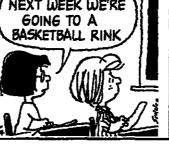
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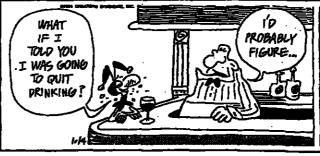
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Police Say Stuttgart Stabbing By 'Copycat' of Seles Assailant

FRANKFURT — The deaf-and-mute woman who stabbed a German soccer player in the back did so to get attention and copied the stabbing of tennis star Monica Seles last April, officials said

"It's a typical copycat attack." said the Stuttgart prosecutor, Karl-Heinz Engstler. She wanted the

The victim, Hamburg SV defender Oliver Möller, apparently was randomly picked as a target.
Engstler said. A magistrate court Thursday is-

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Continued from Page 1 told investigators that he, Mr. Giltooly and two other men had set up the attack on Miss Kerrigan, the defending U.S. champion and Olympic bronze medalist, a day he fore the figure skating champion-

Mr. Eckardt confirmed that Mr. Gillooly, from whom Miss Harding was divorced in August, asked him to arrange the attack, The Oregonian reported, citing imnamed law

The investigation spread to three states as authorities in Oregon, Michigan and Arizons pieced together the story of how Miss Kerngan was targeted for an attack allegedly intended to wreck her chance to compete in the skaring

The scheme allegedly involved Mr. Eckardt, Mr. Gillooly, an intermediary in Phoenix whom Eckardt knew, and a Portland men who carried out the assault, The

Oregonian reported.

NBC News quoted sources as saying that, after a meeting in Portnd, the assailant went to Boston, where Miss Kerrigan lives and trains. It was there, investigators believe, that he originally planned to injure Miss Kerrigan, but bad weather somehow fouled the at-

Last Thursday in Detroit, a man. brandishing a club struck Miss Kerrigan after a practice session at Cobo Arena, severely bruising her right leg. The attacker escaped af-

Miss Kerrigan withdrew from the event, but the U.S. Figure Shating Association samed her to the Olympic team anyway, along with Miss Harding, who won the U.S. championship two days later. The Winter Olympics will be held in Lillehammer, Norway, Feb. 12-27. Miss Kerngan is recovering from the injury to her knee, but it is not known whether she will be able to

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The police in Detroit said they had recovered a black metal baton. believed to be the weapon used in the attack. A Detroit resident found the baton in a rubbish container behind the ice rink and turned it over to police, the Detroit Free Press said, quoting unidenti-

In Portland, meanwhile, another man, Russell (Rusty) Reitz, told. The Oregonian that Mr. Eckardt had asked him two days before the Kerrigan assault if he would be willing to kill someone for \$65,000. Mr. Reitz said he declined.

He said, Would you break somebody's leg? I said, Well, I don't know, Shawn, I'm not that way. And he says, 'Well, I got a job in Detroit. I'm going to send a team there,' " Mr. Renz told The Orego-

Mr. Gillooly said Tuesday he had been questioned by the PBL but denied involvement

"I wouldn't do that," Mr. Gilloo-ly said. "I have more faith in my wife than to bump off her competi-

Miss Harding has not commented since the reports surfaced, but Tuesday night she was asked by a reporter for a Portland television the station received accusing Mr.
Gillooly of being involved in a plot
"I can't believe it," she said. "I mean, why does someone want to

discredit me? I just don't under-Miss Harding and Mr. Gillooly were divorced Aug. 28, according

were divorced Aug. 28, according to papers on file with the court in Columbia County, Oregon. They have reconciled and five together.

Miss Harding was scheduled to fly to Fairfax, Virginia, on Wednesday for a skating exhibition but abruptly canceled. No one anarrant the description of the control of the swered the door when a reporter went to the Portland-area homes of Miss Harding and Mr. Eckardt, and no one answered the tele-

28-year-old woman in custody on suspicion of attempted murder, -Engatter said. Her name was not-

Möller, who was attacked at an indoor soccer tournament in Frankfurt on Wednesday night, had undergone surgery for wounds to one lung, his diaphram and liver. He was "in good condition considcring the circumstances," said Dr. Gunther Kieninger.

Engstler said the knifing of Seles at the Hamburg Open tournament and last week's attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in Detroit had inspired the stabbing in Frank-

The woman walked to the spectator area where Möller was sitting, sat near him and suddenly rammed the nine-centimeter (3.8-inch) blade of a folding knife into his

She was grabbed by another speciator, but offered no resistance and waited to be arrested.

Edgar Steinbrenner, a Stuttgart police spokeaman, said, "She knows about the Seles attack and it seems she wanted to get publicity."
Investigators had called in a sign language specialist to help question the woman because "she cannot hear or speak, only with sign lan-guage using her hands," Engatier

Engstler said he was awaiting a medical report to determine whether the woman was mentally disturbed, as reported by German

of Seles's rival, Steffi Graf, stabbed the Serbian-born star in the back as she sat at the side of the court during a change-over between

two-year suspended sentence given to the 39-year-old Parche raised another outery, both in Germany

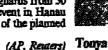
Steinbrenner said private guards employed by the Schleyer-Halle arena, where Möller was attacked, and not local police, had been in charge of security. But the flood of 7,000 spectators at the start of the evening event had made it difficult for guards to check all fans entering

The players were able to mix with the crowd and Möller was sitting in the main stand when it Perhans there has to be an area

where all the players are separated from the fans," he said, then added: "But there is always some risk." One of the main attractions of Germany's popular indoor events, held while the outdoor league season takes a winter break, is that the fans can mix easily with the players and children can collect anto-

But, said the German soccer federation's vice-president, Gerhard Mayer-Vortelder, We will have to think whether this is still possible in the future."

Organizers of a similar tournament in Leipzig on Thursday and Friday announced they were dou-The attack, which quiekly bling their security guards from 30 prompted organizers of German indoor events to tighten security, was similar to the attack on Seles in 12 guards.





(AP, Reuters) Tonya Harding and Jeff Gillooly leaving the home of bodyguard Shawn Eric Eckardt on Tuesday.

Tonya Harding: A Fighter With Numerous Battles

ice success. Tonya Harding can't seem to shake a lifetime of controversy.

Off the ice, the 23-year-old figure skater has weathered bouts of asthma, a stormy three year marriage, embarrassing brushes with the police and now the suspicion that her former husband may be involved in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

ter breaking the glass out of a served her well during a decade of national competition. She began skating in the U.S. Figure Skating Association senior division at age 13. A year later, she became the first woman in the world to successfully execute

the triple axel. A tenacious competitor, she has returned to the ice to finish performances despite slipups, broken skares and torn costumes. But off the ice, tenacity becomes obstinacy.

In March 1992, Portland police found the 96-pound skater brandishing a baseball but at another motorist after the two got into an argument in the street near the shopping mall skating tink where Harding practices. There were no arrests, but the two women reportedly traded punches.

The Associated Press In October, police seized a handgun from PORTLAND, Oregon — Despite her on-Harding after a neighbor reported a shot had been fired in their apartment complex parking lot. Harding and her former husband, Jeff Gillooly, told police the gun went off accidentally. They were divorced last Aug. 28, according to papers on file with the court in Columbia County, Oregon, but have rec-

The couple started divorce proceedings just 14 months later, claiming irreconcilable 1991, Harding filed a petition for a restraining order against Gillooly, claiming be wrenched her arm and wrist, pulled her hair and shoved her.

By October, they were back together. Since, they have split up and reconciled at least twice more.

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Harding's reputation as a fighter has
Scott Gillooly, three years her senior. She
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was 19 when she married him in March 1990.

Last March, Harding filed a report with Clackamas County Sheriff's Department, ac-cusing Gillooly of assault. No arrest was

made, officials said. A friend said Harding

moved out the same day.

She again asked for a restraining order last July, saying he assaulted her with his open foot-I daughter took over his chore of split-hand and fist. In September, her attorney ting wood, which she says helped give her asked to have the order dismissed. By October, she and Gillooly had again reconciled.

them out of getting married in the first place. "I knew Jeff had a violent streak," she said. "Once when Tonya was living with me and my new hasband, he tried to break down

out with another boy. It turned out it was her brother she'd been with."

hardly at all. I was basically a loner." She still is. At skaring competitions, she

doesn't appear to be part of anyone's clique doesn't appear to be part of anyone's clique and isn't particularly (riendly.

Hills offered to pay her 1994 training costs of \$40,000. The offer turned out to be a hoar. and isn't particularly friendly.

Growing up, Harding spent a lot of time In August, her four-wheel-drive pickup with her father, who taught her how to hunt was stolen from the shopping mall parking and fish. He also taught his daughter to lot. The following month, someone mailed replace a transmission, rebuild an engine and the license plate to Portland radio station do a brake job. He said he had sworn off new KKRZ-FM with the return address: "Robin cars because each time he bought one, he got Hood and His Merry Men. Sherwood Forest,

unusual strength on the ice.

Harding has her own pool cue, but gave up Harding's mother, LaVona, told Sports drag racing at the Portland International Illustrated magazine that she tried to talk Raceway when her automobile insurance company found out.

Despite bouts with asthma. Harding repeatedly has been seen smoking in public, a penchant that doesn't please her coaches. the door because he thought she had gone. She has said she smoked because of stress caused by marital problems.

Then there have been money problems. changed schools nearly every year through-out her childhood, "so I didn't have friends expensive. expensive.

Last summer, she said a man in Beverly

Nottingham, England.

Carlton, Only, Voted to Baseball **Hall of Fame**

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By Claire Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK - If Reggie Jackson's election to the Hall of Fame last year proved that major league baseball's shrine has more than enough room for the enormously effervescent, the election of Steve Carlton this year proved something quite the opposite: There is also room in Cooperstown for the game's most quietly perplexing.

Carlton, winner of 329 major league games and a record total of four Cy Young awards, was the only player elected Wednesday to the Hall by the Baseball Writers Association of America, and the vote was overwhelming. In his first year of eligibility, the 49-year-old left-hander was named on 436 of 455 ballots, or 95.8 percent, far surpassing the required 75 percent (342 ballots) needed for election and achieving the fifth-highest percentage ever.

In dramatic juxtaposition, another Cooperstown hopeful, Orlando Cepeda, fell seven votes short of the required 342 in his 15th and final year of eligibility. He missed out despite a spirited campaign waged by the club he achieved the most fame with, the San Francisco Giants, as well as some members of Congress. Cepeda must now wait three years until he can be considered by the Veterans Committee. the only other body that can vote players into Cooperstown.

That it was baseball writers who elevated Carlton to the highest tier reserved for the game's greats is yet another intriguing twist in the pitcher's career. For no superstar in the recent history of the sport shunned notoriety, publicity or the news media more than Cariton. The man called Lefty spent most of the 1970s dominating National League batters and weaving his magic in a mysterious and defiant silence that marked the bulk of his

24-year career. Carlton's statistics spoke volumes, though, and there was little doubt that he was destined to become the 25th player elected in his first year of eligibility since the Hall of Fame's original election of

His enshrinement on July 31 will continue a fainer recent trend among contemporaries who instantly made the jump to Cooperstown five years after retirement: Jackson, Tom Seaver, Rod Carew, Joe Morgan, Jim Palmer, Carl Yastrzemski, Johnny Bench, Willie Stargell and Willie McCovey.

In becoming the 217th player and for living in the shadows of voted to the hall, Carlton issued a Scaver and Carlton throughout his statement that said, "While I've never been one to place a great emphasis on individual awards, I'm was fifth in the voting with 259 votes.

ouched to be elected to the Hall of

Last week in acknowledging the inevitability of the vote, Carlton spoke of what the induction ceremony this summer would be like. Maybe I'll give one of those Sally Field speeches, like the one she gave at the Oscars a few years

Carlton was quoted as saying in The Philadelphia Daily News. "Oh, you like me! You like me!" Such recent comments suggest a mellowing in a man who is now a self-described gentleman farmer from Durango, Colorado. In his day, Carlton, a powerful 6 feet, 2 inches, 210 pounds of left-handed

fury on the mound and pent-up fury off, was the left-handed equivalent of Nolan Ryan. And the pitching did more than enough talking. After reaching the majors for good with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1967, Carlton set a National League record, since tied, by striking out 19 New York Mets in a game in 1969 (the Mets won),

then became a 20-game winner in But he really catapulted to the top of his game after being traded to the Philadelphia Phillies for Rick Wise on Feb. 25, 1972. That season, Carlton won 27 games, an incredi-ble feat considering that the woeful Phillies won only 59.

In that magnificent 1972 season, Carlton recorded a sumning 1.97 carned run average and set a Phillies franchise record with 310 strikeouts.

He remained with Philadelphia into the 1986 season. In that time, he put together four other 20-victory seasons and won four Cy Young Awards.

Carlton's dominance of National League hitters coincided with the rise of the Phillies, whom he helped propel to one divisional playoff, five league championship series, two pennants and one World Series championship (1980).

In all, Carlton had a 329-244 career record, ninth on the pitching list and second to Warren Spahn among left-handers. He also struck out 4,136 batters, second to the

recently retired Ryan. Carlton was one of three pitchers on this year's ballot who had the rare dual accomplishments of having won more than 300 games and

struck out more than 3,000 hitters Another was Phil Niekro. the ageless knuckleballer, who finished a distant third in the balloting, with 273 votes in his second year of eligibility. And also in his first year of eligibility was Don Sutton, a right-hander more noted for finesse

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FIFA Lone Holdout on IOC Drug Testing

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> The new measures are intended to be in place for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Prince Alexandre de Merode,

> head of the IOC's medical commission, said all sports except soccer agreed to impose minimum twoyear suspensions for users of serious performance-enhancing drugs such as steroids; adopt the IOC's list of banned substances; and apply uniform testing procedures, incinding surprise, out-of-competition controls.

Under pressure from cycling,

sports federations were given up to rwo years to toughen their antidrug gnidelines as required. FIFA's secretary-general, Joseph Blatter, joined the talks on arbitra-

doping meeting. iOC officials said disputes remain with FIFA but that efforts to

resolve them would continue. FIFA can ban drug offenders from international competition for two years but let them compete nationally. It also has been slow to move on out-of-competition con-

Many sports already apply immediate two year suspensions for serious breaches but cycling moved to six months only last year. The International Tennis Federation had held out for a one-year ban for first offenders, saving the longer suspension could effectively

end a player's career. "They told me they agreed with two years," de Merode said. "I don't see the slightest difficulty with tennis."

Keba Mbaye of Senegal, chairman of the IOC's legal commission, said federation delegates voted in principle to fund a new arbitration body independent of the IOC. But the crucial code to govern arbitration, while largely drafted, was sent back to a working group after some sports bodies raised worries about their independence,

Soccer and volleyball were among the sports voicing reservations.

An International Volleyball Federation official said there was a danger of overloading the new sys-

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nal known as the International Council of Arbitration for Sport, to be set up this year, said the IOC's director-general, François Carrard. "Most federations were ready to

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sign," Carrard said.
The tribunal ties in with IOC plans to require athletes at the At-lanta Games to waive their right to file law suits in disputes, including

The issue has gained urgency in wake of the protracted appeals and

refereeing disputes, that should be handled within each federation.

puted drug suspensions of track stars Butch Reynolds and Katrin But individual sports would not

be obliged to use the new arbitration system, officials said. The tribunal will effectively replace the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), a little-used panel run by the IOC. The new council will consist of 20 international jurists who will designate specially qualified arbitrators to hear the cases. The IOC, the federations, the national Olympic committees and the athletes will each select four jurists.

Those 16 will choose four others.

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The Twain Meet

By Russell Baker TEW YORK - Several months ago the authorities at the Mark Twain house in Hartford. onnecticut, asked if I would come

and make a speech. I said yes. What would you have

It was for a good cause: preserva-tion of Mark's amazing old house, mich looks like the house J. P. Moran might have built if he'd been a ississippi River steamboat pilot lead of a money changer. Frankhowever, it wasn't the good-cause nect that appealed to me. It was "Yes," I said, "of course I'll

...me and make the speech."

Now the actual possibility of achally making an actual speech nev-seriously crossed my mind. The reagement was made in the sumare of 1993. The speech was not to made until March 18, 1994.

This future seemed so remote at what with all the news about ...le-stream smoke, drive-by shootings and asteroids possibly hitting earth without warning, I natuly assumed I would probably die fore then and, so, not have to ake the speech.

Before putting the whole busiw days enjoying fantasies about triumph I would score among ark Twain scholars.

These fantasies were not about :: speech itself, but about the ech's aftermath. I fancied myself ... amped with praise from the audience which had just heard my talk. They told me Mark Twain himelf couldn't have done better. me said Mark, in fact, had never een half so entertaining as I had en this night.

The odd thing about these fantaies was that though I received tremendous praise for an incredibly mity speech, I couldn't think of aything even faintly amusing that

Time's passage did its healing ork, and I had happily forgotten last summer's folly when Hartford elephoned the other day. "Could ou give us the title of your seech?" asked the caller

Speech? What speech?" was the mestion that ran silently through

Europe

my mind. Could I possibly have promised to make a speech some-

"Unlikely," I told myself. In 1981 I made a speech in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to an all-male audience that had anticipated belly dancers. It expressed its dissatisfaction with the program committee by pelting me with the dinner rolls, and I have not made a speech since, except to humor the kind of people who hold guns to your head.

"The Mark Twain house," said faraway Hartford, and all was horribly clear, the horror being implicit in the request for a speech title. They were not only going ahead with the speech, they wanted a title for it. This could mean only one thing:

They expected a speech that was about something. I promised to phone right back as soon as I put the finishing touches on my peroration, and have been sitting here ever since trying to think of a title.

What do you think of "Holistic Tropism and Subliminal Lamentation in Mark Twain's Mississippi Writings: A Suppressed Struggle Between Conscience and Riparian

No. I don't know what it means either, but it sounds terrifying enough to satisfy the American lust for oratorical abuse, It is also meaningless enough to cover anything I may have to call a speech in the event the Earth isn't struck soon now by an asteroid big enough to wipe out Hartford.

Is the need to hear speeches pe-culiarly American? We claim to hate the oratorical gales, yet feel the lodge's annual hotel banquet is incomplete without an after-dinner speaker soporific enough to overpower the coffee.

Do the French fill 10,000 hotel ballrooms every night to listen to after-dinner speeches? The Italians? The Sri Lankans? The Uzbeks?

Ah, there's a lively title! "Was Tom Sawyer an American Uzbek and Aunt Polly a Boris Yeltsin in Drag?" Or maybe, "If Mark Twain's Favorite President Was Grant, What's So Awful About Ordinary Guys Liking Bill Clinton?" Don't worry, Hartford. As Jack Benny used to say, "I'm thinking, I'm thinking."

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Europe

London through Parls will have colder weather this

Welcome to the Whole Earth Millennium

By Patricia Leigh Brown New York Times Service

S AUSALITO, California — The sign in the courtyard said, "Welcome to the Millennium." And pext to the offices of the Millennium Whole Earth Catalog - the forthcoming sequel to the pivotal 1960s generational bible - someone was building an "experiential" multicolored tetrahedron with a metal ball suspended from it.

Howard Rheingold, the editor in chief, was dressed in a calcidoscopic fashion that looked as if the parking lot of a Grateful Dead concert had wandered onto his clothes. Then, amid a kazoo chorus, Wavy Gravy, that legendary 60s civil disobedient, led an invocation to bless the M-WEC, as the millennium catalogue is known.

One participant described the group of 30 or so writers and editors who had assembled from all over the country for a one-day miliennium powwow as "granola-crunching endorphin-drenched techno-druids." It was the utopia business as usual at 27 Gate Five Road.

Twenty-five years ago. Stewart Brand, then a 30-yearold renegade best known as one of Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters, gazed out an airplane window into "dark nothing" and slipped into a reverie about how he could best help his friends who were starting communes "hither and you in the sticks."

He gave birth to the idea of the Whole Earth Catalog, an enterprise that two and a half million readers, a National Book Award and at least one nervous breakdown later, he would call "a mistake that worked."

He and Lois Jennings Brand, then his wife, loaded up a pickup with mimeographed sheets on subjects like tantra art, cybernetics and seeds, and went to see friends on the New Mexico-Colorado commune circuit. Then, he and his friends wrote and designed a shaggy, wity compendium, an "access to tools," whose publication in 1968 seemed, for a time anyway, to open up the world.

Even now, after the Last Whole Earth Catalog (1971), the (Updated) Last (1975) and the Next (1981) have all come and gone, there remains a palpable sense of idealism about it all. But in 1968, the land itself was deemed the vehicle for remaking the planet. Today, it is the computer. Where the original Whole Earthers communicated via

underground newspapers and the U.S. mail, these days they commune via the WELL (the Whole Earth Lectronic Link), a computer teleconference system. In place of beckeeping and goat farming, the Millennium Whole Earth Catalog, to be published this fall by

Asia

Africa

Internet and a section on "citizen encryption," private coded messages to prevent computer intrusion The countercultural ideal of democratic access to tools,

of living independent of established political and commer-cial interests, is now being applied to a new sphere. "It is not just a collection of knowledge," said Rhein-

gold, who has served as a consultant to the congressional Office of Technology Assessment and whose work in-cludes books on virtual reality and the virtual community. "The idea is to change the way people think."

The original Whole Earth Catalog chronicled changes in thinking in all their overwrought peacock glory. To young women in peasant blouses and young men in fringed buckskin, the catalogue was a revelation. Between

from outer space — an alternative to an inward-looking world, symbolized by the suburbs, unfolded. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, an early contributor who is now a professor of performance studies at New York University, said the catalogue "came at a time when we had more time than money." The catalogue's arrival, in the year of Eldridge Cleaver's "Soul on Ice" and Carlos Castaneda's "Teachings of Don

Juan," was "like opening a vein," Ken Kesey recalled. No subject was too big or small to escape its notice. Although commonly remembered as a back-to-the-land Sears catalogue or as a rural hippie bible, the early

volumes were as concerned about exploring technological frontiers — space, physics, geodesic domes and computer science — as they were about creative glass-blowing.

Many of its tendrils are now rooted in the culture; others withered ignominiously on the vine. As Brand notes today, geodesic domes, promoted heavily as living spaces in early catalogues, leaked terribly; people left them behind "like hatchlings leaving their eggs."

References to "free love" now seem a melancholy anachronism, and the idea of an organic molasses-blacktop driveway is best forgotten. But the catalogue was prescient on now-mainstream subjects such as computers. ecological restoration, recycling, medical self-care, alternative childbirth, stress reduction and natural foods. The obvious question for 1994 is whether the Whole

Earthers can do it again, particularly since the cultural landscape is more diffuse now. Anxious to avoid a 1960s rehash for aging hippies. Rheingold is striking out in new territory. "because it's the millennium," he said. The most palpably new thrust is the emphasis on "taming technology.

"We need to question what we're being sold," he said, and know how we can use these tools for positive ends." The new catalogue will cost \$30, compared with \$1 in 1968. It will address young cyberculture types as well as those who abandoned social activism in the '80s and who are anxious, as one editor said, to "get off their butts again."

The embodiment of what a long, strange trip it's been is Brand, now editor emerius. He is a former logger who went to Phillips Exeter Academy, has a biology degree from Stanford University, organized the 1966 Trips Festival in San Francisco (the first multimedia rock 'n' roll acid test), was an adviser to Governor Edmund G. (Jerry). Brown Jr. and wrote a book on the MIT Media Lab.

Today, he lives with his wife, Patty Phelan, on the Sausalito waterfront in a renovated 1912 tugboat and at 55, now indulges in what he calls the "post-managerial" phase of his life, as a principal in the Global Business Network, a \$3 million company that charts the future for major multinational corporations. He is also completing a book on architecture called "How Buildings Learn." He is noncommittal when asked whether the world

really needs another Whole Earth Catalog. "That's a fair question," he said. "I don't really know the answer. But if the Grateful Dead can have an audience, why can't the Whole Earth Catalog?

In any event, a yearning for optimistic remedies to "the anget at the end of the tunnel," still looms large. The truth is, a lot of stuff that came into flower in the '60s — the environmental movement, civil rights, feminism, computer-age consciousness and psychedelics—are issues still to be dealt with," said Kesey, who still clings to some of the early catalogue's old remedies. "My theory is it won't be over till the fat lady gets high." **PEOPLE**

Bill Wyman: Dad-to-Be With Time on His Side

Rill Woman, the former Rolling Stones bass guitarist, is set to become a father again at the age of 57, He said he and his wife, the actress Suzanne Accosta, 34. were "over the moon" about the pregnancy. "I'm young for my age and thought. Why not?" Wyman, who has a 31-year-old son from a previous marriage, told the London Daily Mail. "Hopefully there will be

Princess Diana regularly visits an alternative Chinese therapy clinic are said to relieve stress, the newspaper Today reported. The paper said the hour-long sessions involved having the soles of her feet pummeled and her toes pulled,

In Hong Kong, Diana's sister-in-law, the Duchess of York, joked about teenage romance and her waistline at a home for runaways. She provoked squeals of laughter by asking the teenage girls, "What do you think of the boys?" One girl said she liked them, to which the duchess remarked, "Me too." The duchess, estranged wife of Prince Andrew, sipped tea but passed up cookies. "No thanks." she said. patting her hips. "Too big already."

The Danish dancer Johan Kobborg won the Grand Prix of the first international Rudolf Nureyev ballet competition in Budapest.

Fired? Me? Nah. "I quit." Shan-nen Doherty says in her version of why she left the TV show "Beverly Hills, 90210." "I feel no sadness. Who wants to get up at 5 A. M. and leave the arms of your husband and go work for 12 hours in a job in which you're miserable?" she told

Bill Blass, the fashion designer, has given \$10 million to the New York Public Library, one of the largest gifts ever received by the library. In recognition, the Public Catalogue Room has been named

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its covers - the front a dreamy photo of Earth as seen HarperSan Francisco, will include six pages on how to use

New York Times Service ERE are some excerpts from the old and new editions.

The Original ON EATING MUSHROOMS: "Finding a strange, slimy, luminous colored growth on dark rotting wood is surprise and pleasure; to extend that experience into identifying it and possibly eating it is even better. ON COMMUNES: "One reason

no better place to make all the wishful mistakes; to get your nose rubbed in your fondest fantasies ON WATER BEDS: "A variety of

wave motions can be induced; adding interest to life's little pleasures." The Millenmum Update ON COMPLEXITY: "Computers

have made formerly theoretical sciences into experimental sciences (model your idea and see if it runs), and new comfort with nonlinear.

Views From the Catalogue, Then and Now chaotic systems means that the mod-els and the real world are growing ever closer together. ON CHAOS: "Our perceptual world is much more fractal than it is

Euclidean. Look at anything long enough and it falls apart." ON THE COSMOS: "Human minds are large enough to contain something that has been expanding at the speed of light for 15 billion

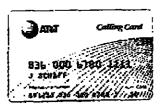
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